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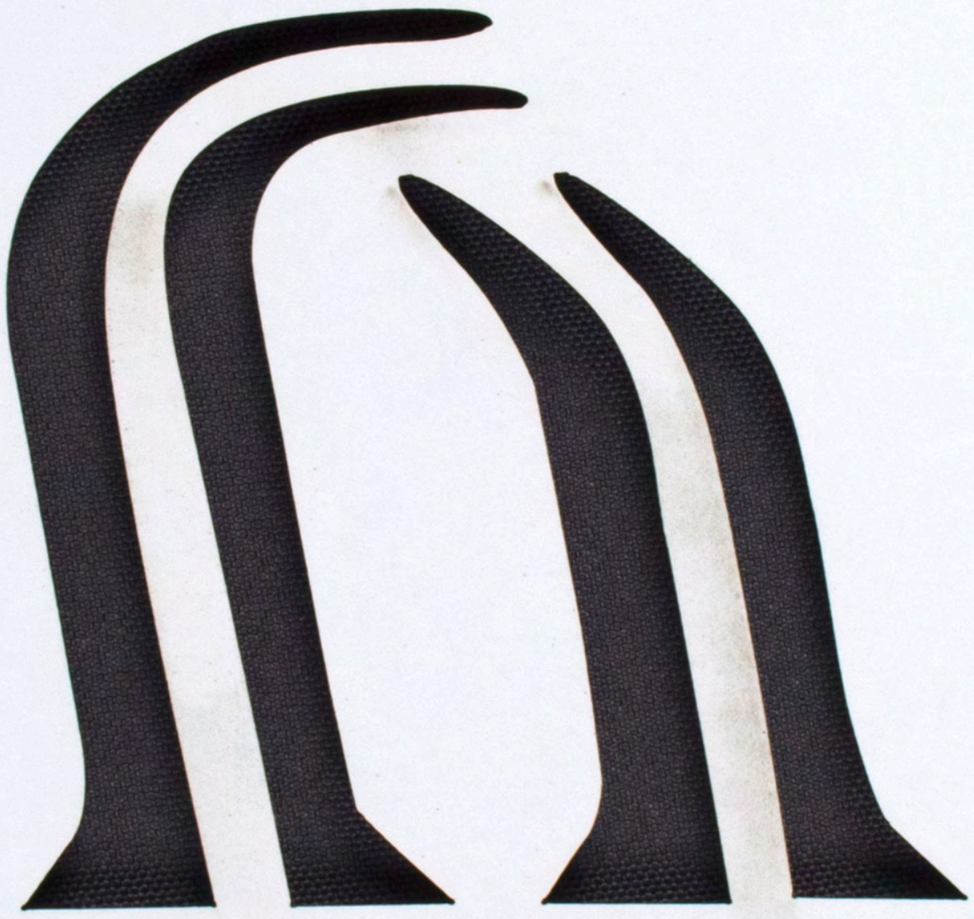

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Alma Mater:
Proudly hail out Alma Mater.
To her e'er be true.
Sing her praise in mighty chorus,
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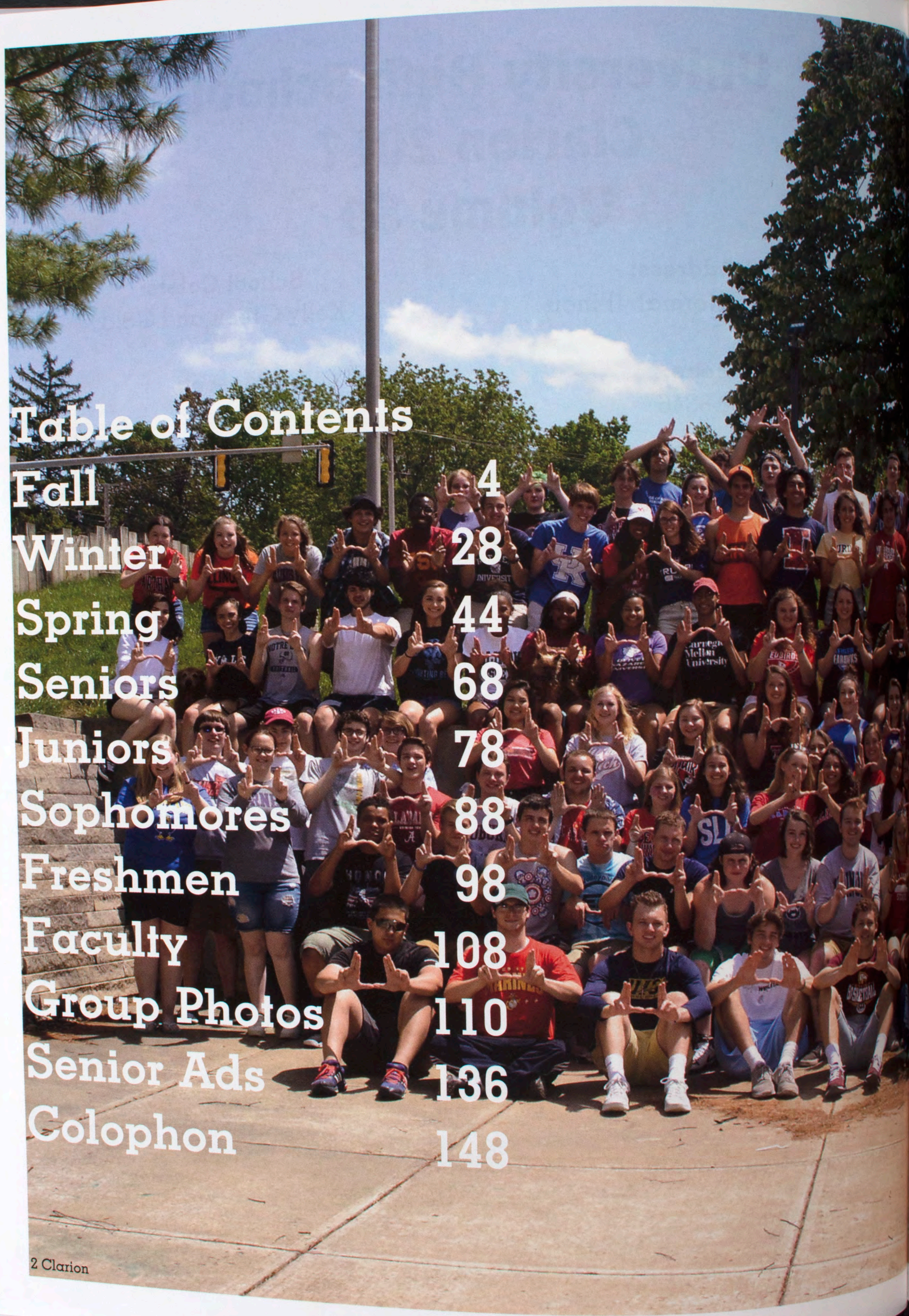
Cheer the team. Support its standards.
Back the Pioneers.
Gladly say that you're from U-High.
Uphold her though the years.



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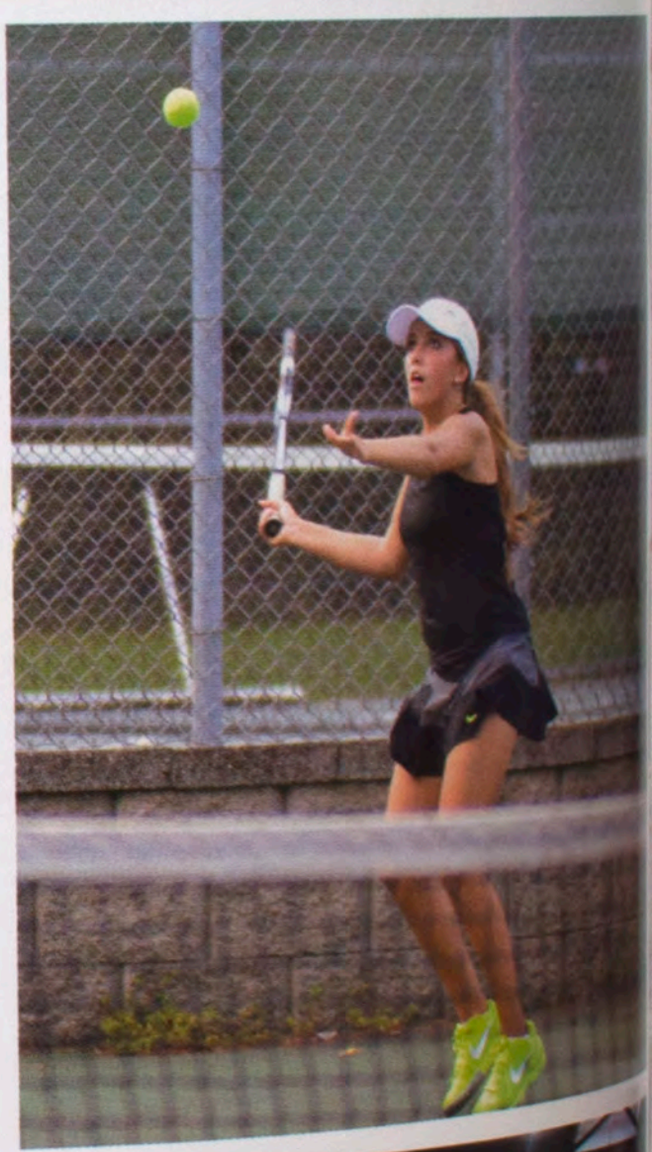
We Run This

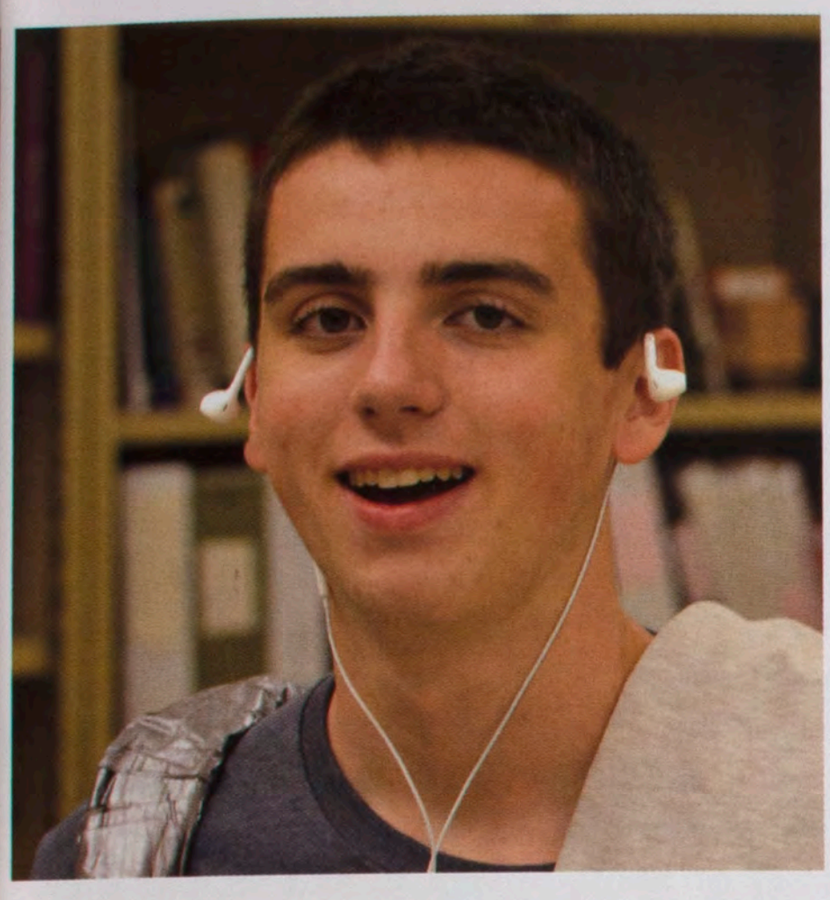
Finally seniors, this year's class was determined to make its mark on U-High. We brought home 3 state titles, a 2nd and 3rd place state title and countless confrence championships. We "Ran" Mr. U-High with a record number of competitors among many other accomplisments. We are proud to share all these memories with you. Now class of 2017, go run the world.

-Sarah LaFayette, Brian Fry, and Becca Wagner

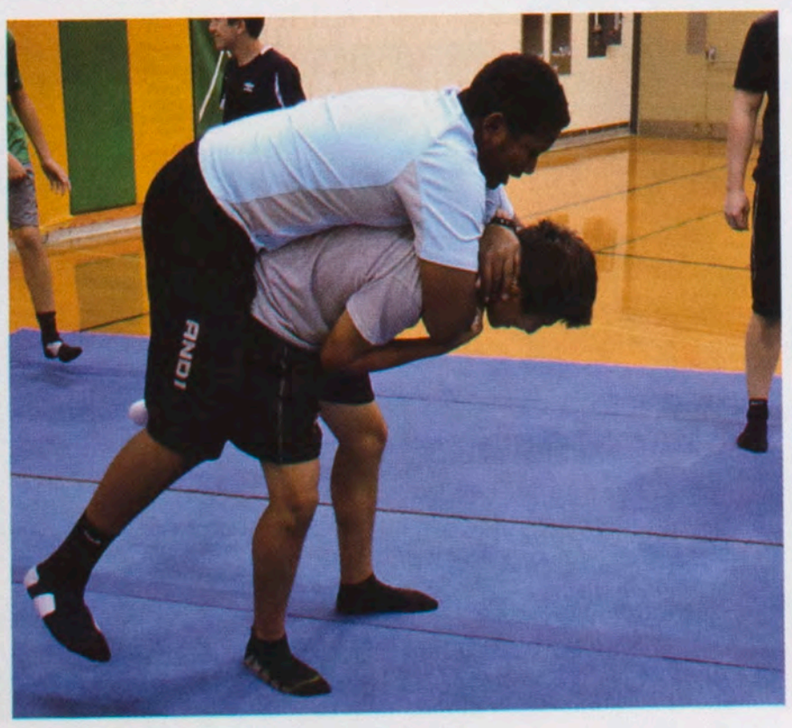
FALL

With the summer coming to a close and the air getting cooler, U-High welcomed back three classes of students and brought in a new one. The year started off strong, but only got stronger: unexpected state championship wins in both Boys' Soccer and Boys' Golf brought a hearty dose of Pioneer pride to each student walking the halls. As the leaves fell, students rekindled their school spirit and began to gear up for the year ahead.





Football games, Homecoming, and Mr. U-High are just a small part of all the fall festivities that go on at U-High. Other things like pep rallies and the Greek Olympics bolster the family spirit of U-High. "Fall was great," junior Matt Zacharias said. "I was just out there having fun."



Fear the Neer

Homecoming is something that those of all ages who love U-High get to appreciate. It is a time for alumni, students, and teachers to get psyched abo the sports, various events, and most importantly, school spirit. "The school spi this year is impressive," senior Anna Rodriguez said. "From my point of view a cheerleader, I get to watch the entire student section go crazy, and sometim it's even more exciting than the game." Rodriguez's experience at the Homecoming game was nothing short of exciting. Being crowned as Homecoming queen was "very surprising." Senior Austin Spaulding, who was crowned king, agreed with Rodriguez. "I was shocked, to say the least," Spaulding said. Assistant Principal Steve Evans seemed less surprised at the results, "They've put themselves on a path to be recognized. Austin and Anna are involved and friendly," Evans said. "There's no formula to being crowned. Be you and people will like you." Spaulding said.

It was not only the football game that got everyone excited and in the homecoming spirit. "I really enjoy watching the powder puff game. It seems like everyone is having fun while doing it too," Evans said. The senior girls played an aggressive game. With the help of their coach, Joshua Henderson, they were able to come out on top for the second year in a row. Their back-to-back victory was undoubtedly a unique one. It was the first time in U-High history that had ever occured. A big part of their success seemed to be the "dynamic duo" of quarterback Leah Taylor and runningback Raven Hughes. The dance prompted an enourmous turnout, "Bigger than normal for sure." Evans said. "I noticed that the dance was the most well-attended in a while." Senate advisor Dr. Bob Fitzgerald said. "Ironically people said that the lights were too dark." He went on to explain how hard the U-High students of the pa had to work in order to get the lights turned off at school dances. Overall, this homecoming seemed to be the students' favorite. Spaulding put it perfectly, when he said, "I am not the biggest fan of dances, but senior year gave it a new feeling. I realized that soon, Homecoming is going to mean more than going to a dance, it's going to be about coming back to see who gets crowne and visiting the alma mater."

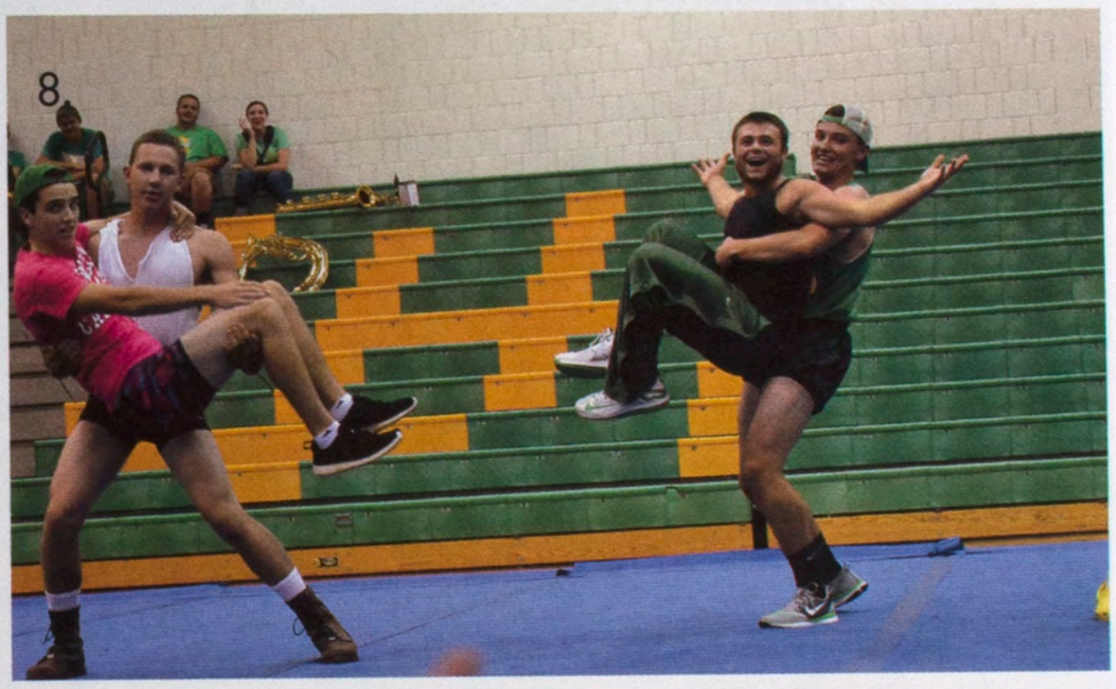
Story by Savannah Remkus
Photos by Savannah Remkus, Sarah Park, and Sarah LaFayette

Staying Golden

1. Coaches Andrew McDowell and Trevor Von Bruenchenhein partaking in Sumo Wrestling.
2. The Homecoming Court lines up before the crowning of the king and queen.
3. Powderpuff coach Joshua Henderson directing the Seniors.
4. The dance team hits a fierce pose during the pep assembly.
5. Seniors Sydney Lighty, Hannah Kiefer, and Sarah LaFayette on character day.

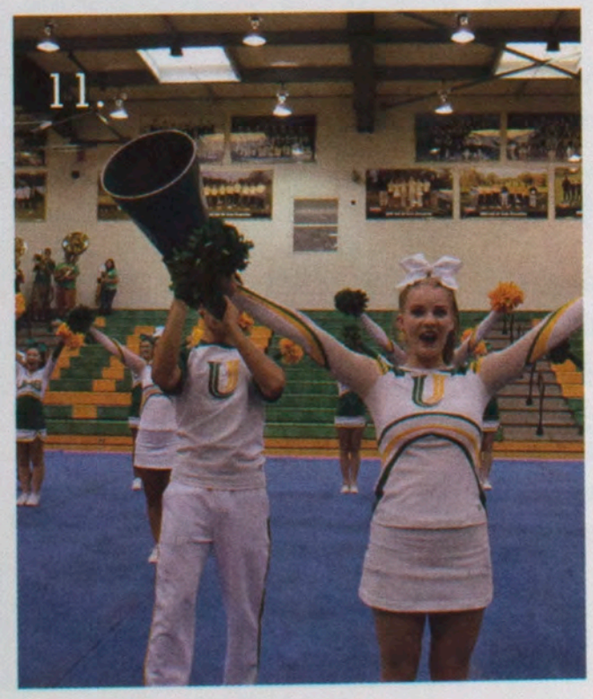
Senior Spirit!

6. Senior Alexander Walbert putting on a show during the drumline performance.
7. The Senior Girls wave our country's flag shortly after their powderpuff victory.
8. Seniors Benjamin Guttschow, Kellen Amble, Billy Mote, and Ryan Poland getting in the Homecoming Week spirit during their male cheerleading routine that received first place!

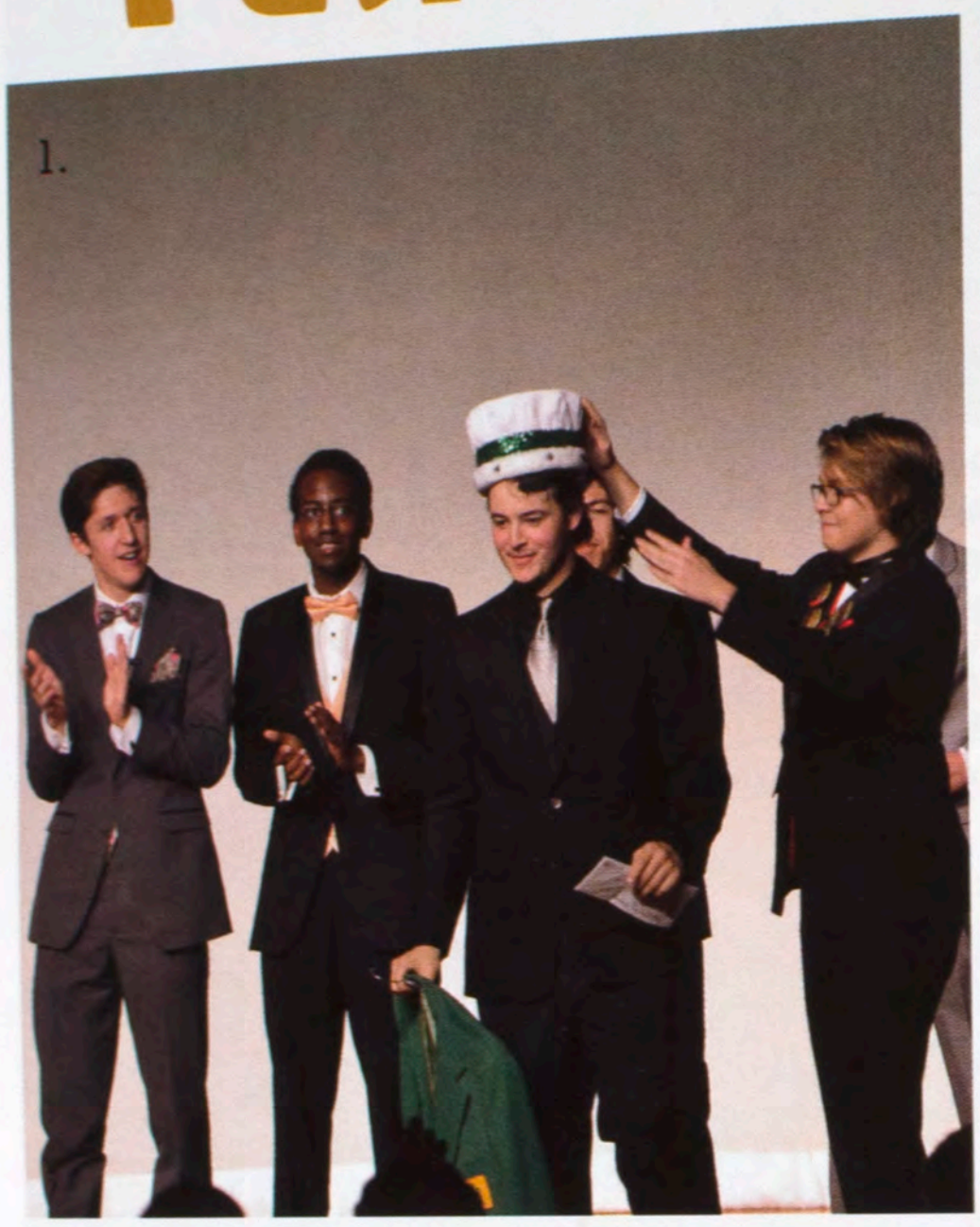


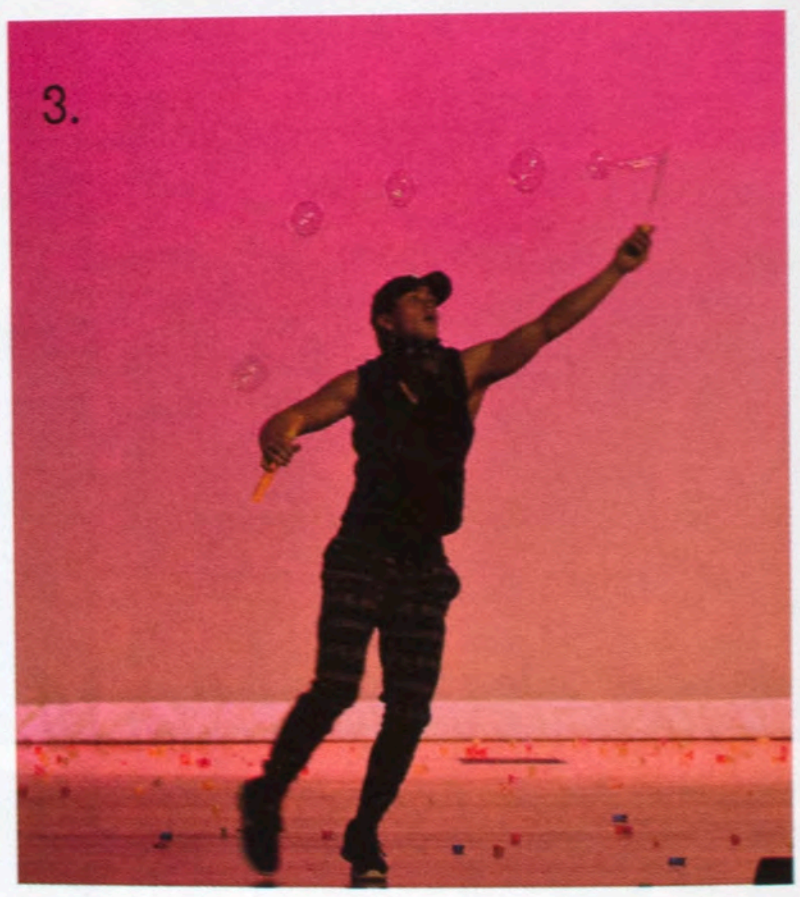
A New Level of Pep

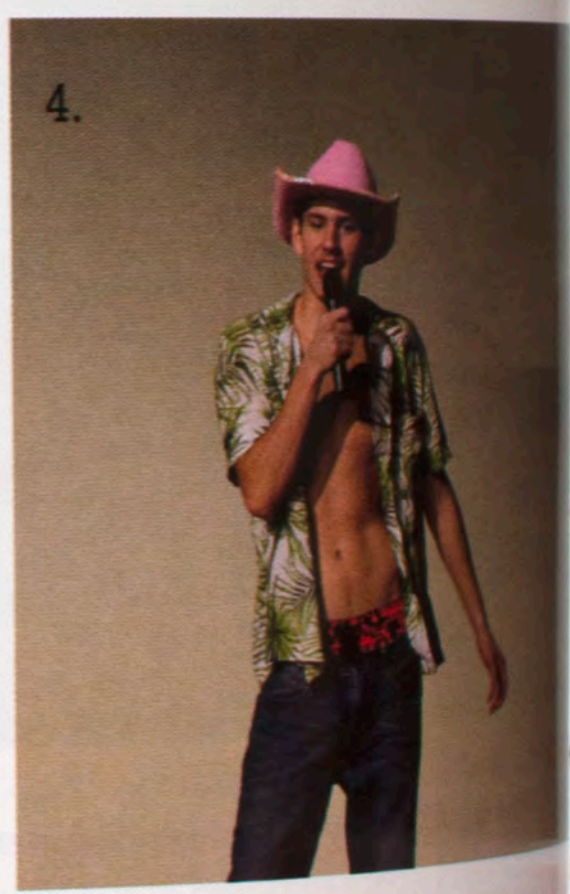
9. Senior Megan Wittman hits a beautiful 180 degree straddle in the dance team performance.
10. U-High students "decked out" in green and gold to show their spirit on Spirit Day during Homecoming Week.
11. Senior Anne Rich getting the student section rowdy during the Pep Assembly.
12. Balancing on her drum was a talent that U-High had not yet seen from junior Elise Crockett.



Patriotism Wins Again







National Anthem for the Win

1. The new Mr. U-High, Lake Williams, accepts his awards on stage after a hard-earned victory. Williams won the Q&A portion of the show with his answer about which faculty member had the best hair: "Mike Sondgeroth with his great facial hair."
2. An exhilarating guitar solo by Alex Walbert portrayed authentic talent at the show. He performed the well-known song "Memory" by Polyphia.
3. Nathan Sakowicz performed a 'bubble-breathing' routine for his talent.
4. Performing "Chicken Fried" by the Zac Brown Band, Zach Gocker sang like a cowboy.

After a record breaking number of participants last year, the record has been broken again. Eighteen seniors participated in the annual event that raises money for Haitian Christian Ministries. The money raised will go towards the spring break trip taken every other year that sends a group of students in U-Build to build a house for a family in need. Overall, the event raised $5800; this money came from students, parents, and donors. Although the event always runs smoothly, there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes. Senior Kaylee Birlingmair helped coordinate the music, costumes, and props for all of the acts. "There are also MC's, baskets to be made for auctions, and a lot of organization backstage," Birlingmair said. As for the winner, Lake Williams went home with the crown and jacket. "I didn't think I would end up being in Mr. U-High my senior year, but it was a great experience for a great cause," Williams said.

Every year the students look forward to knowing who the judges will be. This year the faculty judges included Andrea Markert, Steve Evans, Mike Troll, and Andrew McDowell. The student judges were Jaxon Heffner along with Anne Rich who McDowell described as "pure comedy." McDowell said Mr. U-High began as a very personal event. "Me and my friends had an emotional connection to Troy Hari through our time spent at U-High together. The emotional connection will never be quite the same, but I'm happy it can live on through Haitian Christian Ministries," McDowell said. Although Mr. U-High may come off as just a comedy show, there is a deeper meaning. Troy Hari was a student at U-High and, after his tragic death in a car accident, students created an event that would raise money for the cause Hari was most passionate about: the poverty-stricken families in Haiti. Through past years the event has become very funny and successful while still financially supporting U-Build's trip to Haiti.

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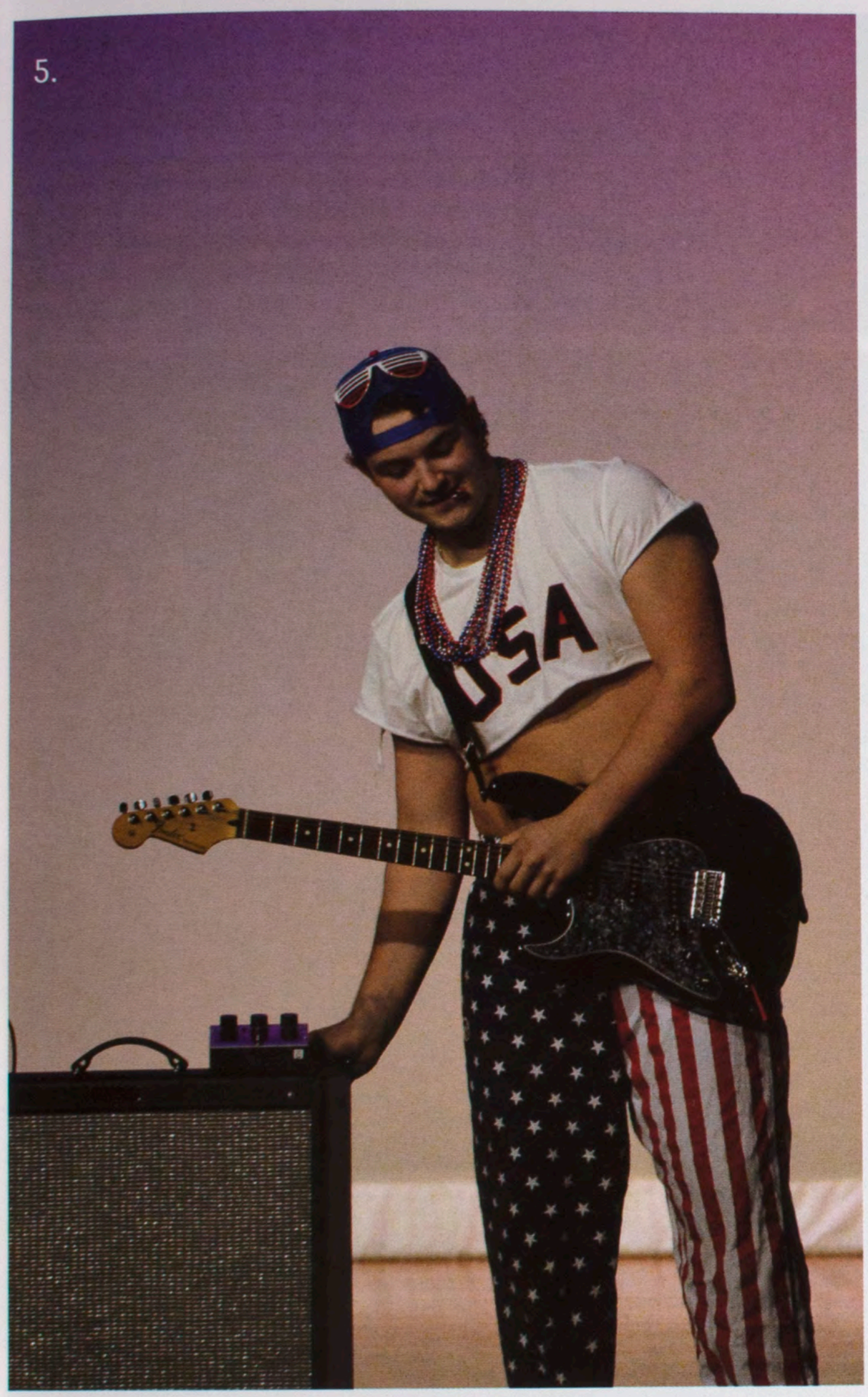
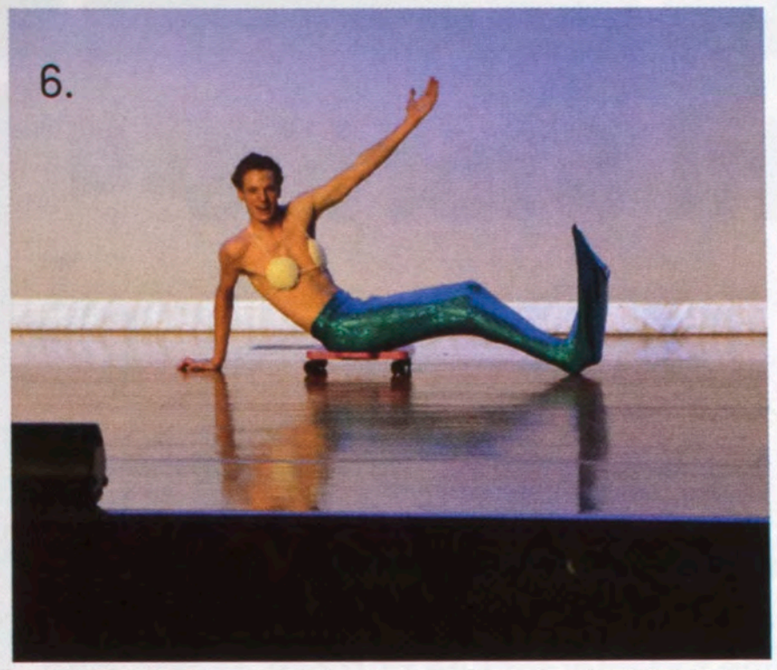
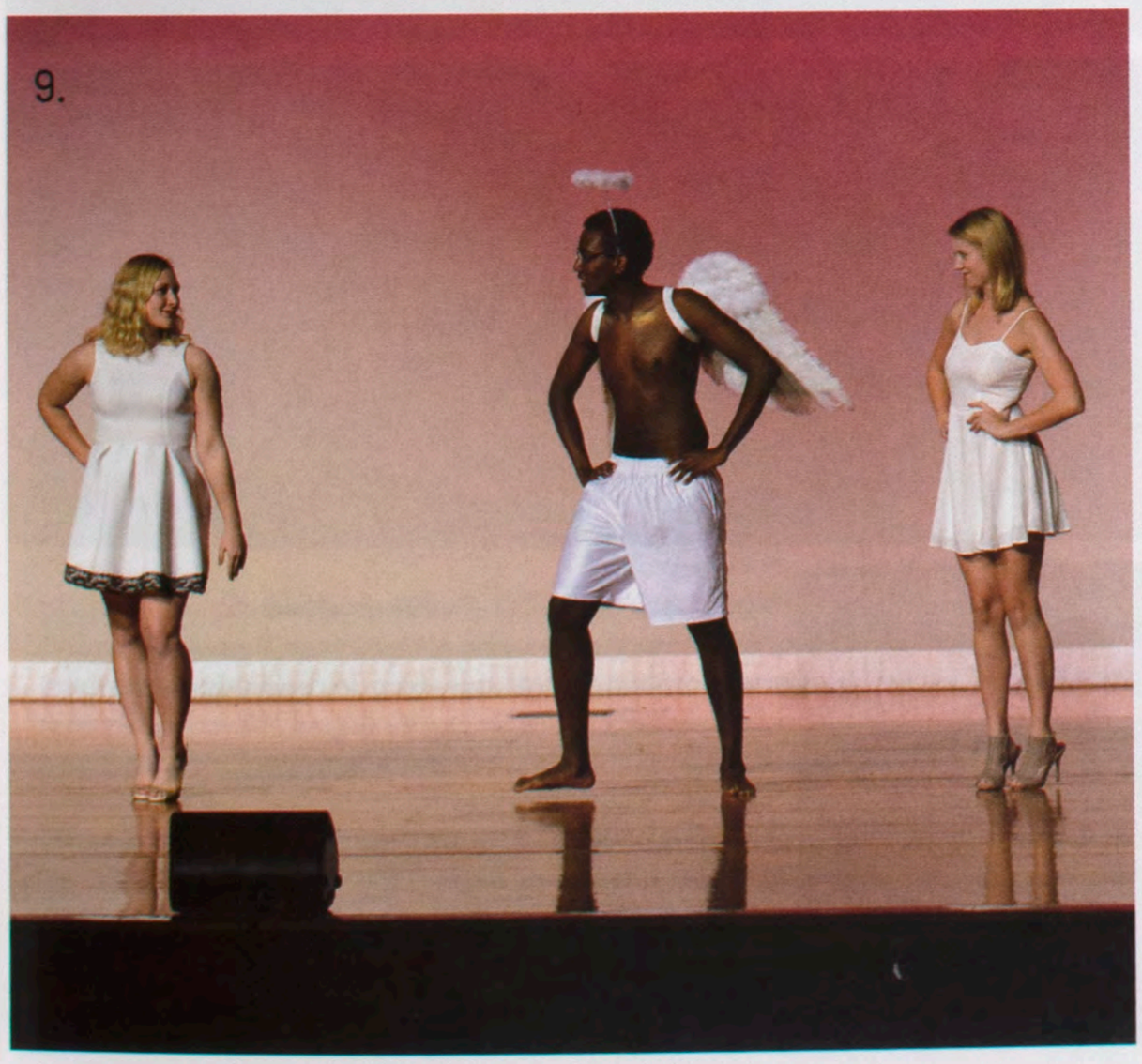
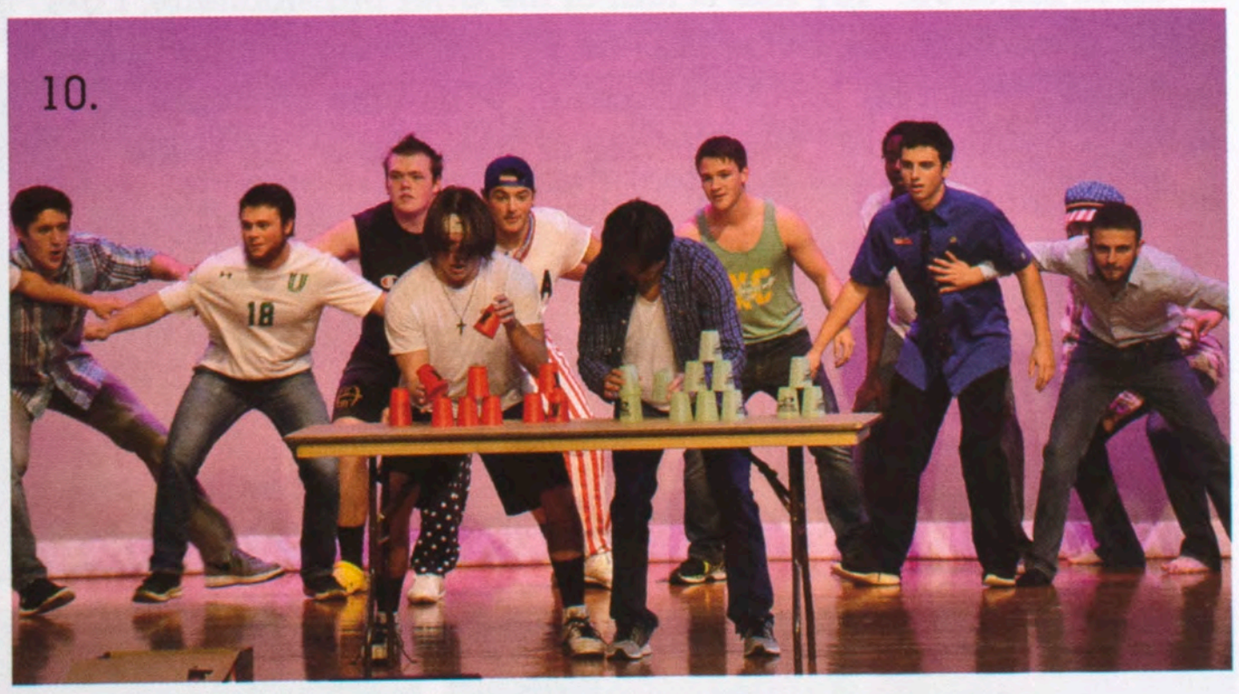


"U"nique Talents on Display

5. The crowd was unsure which part of Lake William's performance showed off his patriotism more. His outfit, or his National Anthem guitar solo.
6. Dylan Panizo went 'Under the Sea' for his swimsuit portion of the show as he flopped all the way across the stage.
7. Bob Ross has got nothing on Josh Henderson who gave a great impression of the famous painter including a video of Ross's pet squirrel.

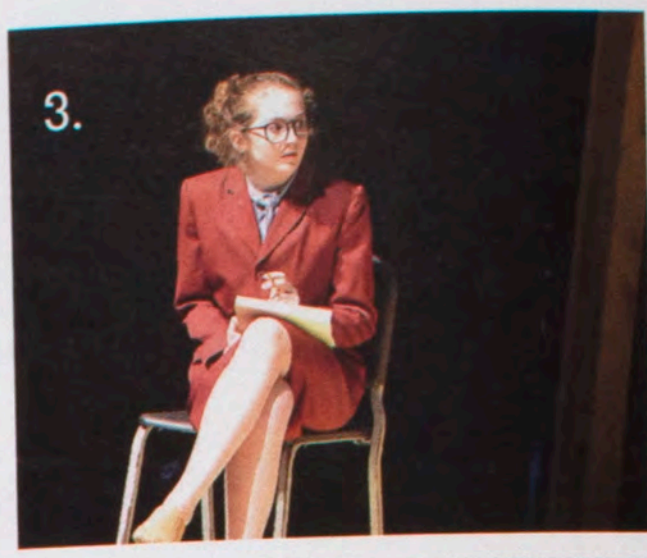






Better Together

8. Ryan Poland and Matt Mosele dressed up as life guards. Poland demonstrated his U-High spirit by shaving a "U" on his chest.
9. With two angels, Taylor Lindsey and Aubrie Smith, by his side, Ricky Orr gives a 'heavenly' performance.
10. A mosh pit of boys cheer on Garrett Murray and Nathaniel Ummel as they give the audience a throw back talent to cup stacking competitions.



Provide A Stage For Everyone

1. Mortals are led to the underworld by a candle toting freshman Emily Houston.
2.. A curious narrator played by senior Liana Pfister poses a series of questions.
3. A therapist helps a troubled demi-god work through his father issues.
4. Greek Gods senior Logan Piker and junior Annie Pierce grace the stage.

Origin Stories

The fall play this year, "Metamorphaisis," playfully retold and modernized twelve ancient Greek and Roman myths portraying universal themes of humanity. Each story follows a character as he or she struggles with their own mortality, providing cautionary tales of lust, gluttony and ambition while also weaving hope-filled tales of the virtues that define humanity.

"By coming together on stage you recognize that despite our differences we can all come together for one purpose. Which kind of emobodies the spirit of the play," senior Logan Piker said. Piker played the greek god Aphrodite along side her sister Ryann, a sophomore who acted as a narrator.

"I loved being in the same scenes as Ryann, we have very different personalities but performing together is a good challenge that brings us closer together," Logan Piker said.

In contrast to the production's anceint themes, the cast was made up of mostly underclassmen, making leadership an important quality in the few seniors involved.

"It's kind of sad that it's my last year, but exciting since I'm a senior and I get to lead the program," senior Rickey Orr said; Orr played the cupid-like god, Eros, in the play.

Among the many things Metamorphasis encompasses leadership is one of the most important, not only by the play but by the thespians themselves. Thespian director Benjamin Webb attests to this. Webb prefers to lead by example, allowing students to invest in the show. "My role is that of the Uber Marrionnette, I get to pull a lot of strings, but in the end I'm just trying to make sure everyone plays their part," Webb said. "When the audience walks in on Thursday I become one of them and it's up to the students ot perform."

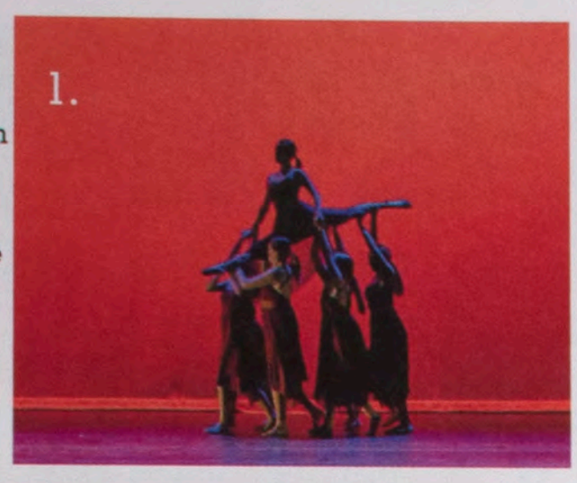
Story by Elijah Gray
Photos by Quinn Johnson and Dylan Panizo

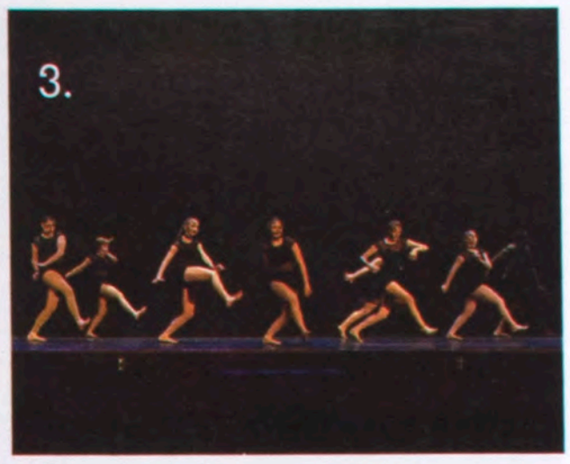
Make Sure Every Voice Is Heard

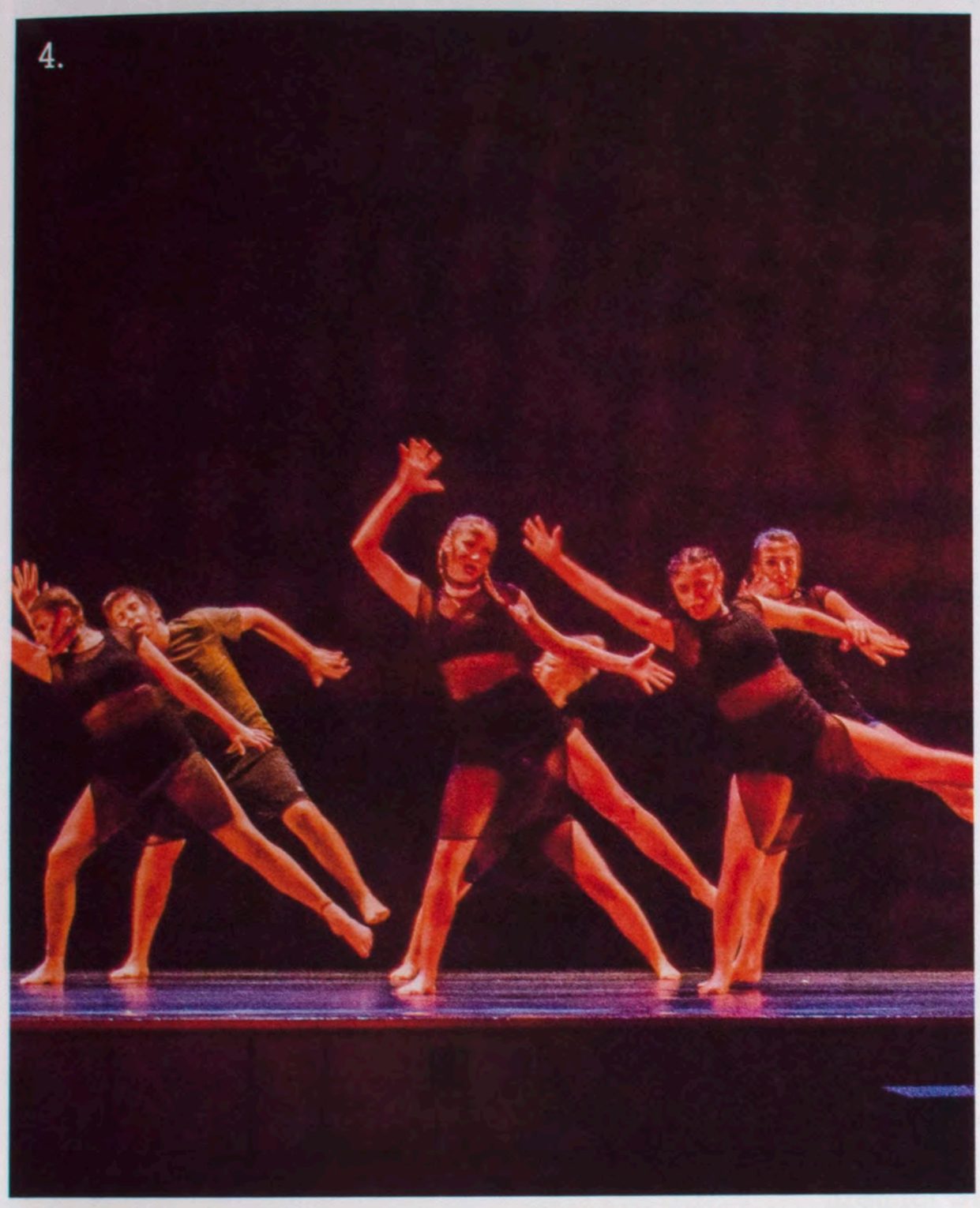
5. A narrartor played by senior Fiona Peterson-Quinn, hands out thoughtful questions to a parade of answers.
6. Aphrodite played by senior Logan Piker condemns a mortal to die while sophomore Isabelle Jacobsen plays narrator.
7. A young girl wrestles with her inner demons, played by senior Savannah Taylor.
8. Hermes, played by junior Eva Clay, sheppards a mortal, freshman Abby Naden, out of the underworld.

Dance Allows Dreams To Speak

1. Dancers execute a lift in "Running High, Walking Low." 2. Seniors Lexi French and Logan Piker perform a duet in the piece "As She Passes." 3. Dancers in the final piece"Rise." choreographed by senior Logan and sophomore Ryann Piker. 4. Seniors Megan Wittman, Logan Piker, Danielle Kinsella, juniors Josh Kuhn, and Allisson Mercier look like puppets in the piece "Rise."







Dance your Heart Out

The curtain dropped on another successful Orchesis fall concert and the audience was left to think about the deeper meaning each piece held. The Intercity Orchesis Dance Company had yet another outstanding student led performance. The dancers focused their pieces around the theme "Autobiography." Though the theme was relatable to their lives, it was still challenging to narrow down what experience they would bring to life.

Being a dancer isn't as easy as everyone thinks it is; these dancers put in hours of practice to prepare for the concerts. They start preparing two months before the concert takes place. The theme is selected and then the dancers are tasked with making a full routine of what they want their piece to look like. Afterwards, they vote on what dances will be performed at the concert.

"Being a choreographer vs. a dancer is also different. For my own piece I had to prepare on top of all the Sunday rehearsals." senior general manager Megan Wittman said.

While creating dances, the performers chose experiences that spoke to them. Senior Grace Telling created her piece "Running High, Walking Low" to portray a deeper meaning of the highs and lows that we experience in our lives. Ryann and Logan Piker's piece "Rise" was depicted to tell the story of coming up from the bottom and defeating the odds. Each and every piece shared a story from the dancers past. "When I perform, I go to a different world, I forget that the audience is even there," senior Danielle Kinsella said.

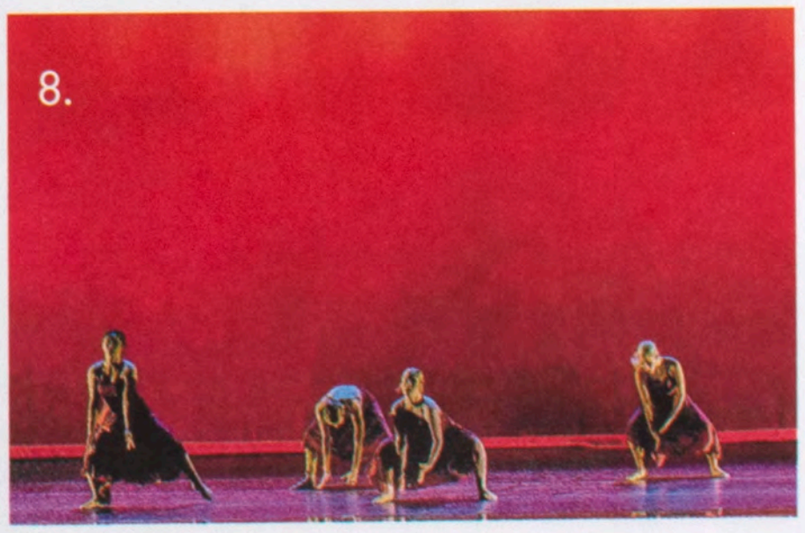
Orchesis is a form of expression, a way that the dancers can be free. The dancers are able to leave every worry at the door and and just dance their hearts out. In this concert the dancers' stories came alive through their emotions, movements, and the stories behind their pieces.

"Dance has made me be creative and has given me space to be free," senior Rickey Orr said.

Story by Emanuel Bada
Photos by Ressa Crubaugh and courtesy of Ethan Hollinger

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

5. Dancers execute a jump in the piece "Angustia."
6. Senior Megan Wittman, sophomore Maddison Murphy, and junior Hadley Hagerty in "Look Inside A Shared Story."
7. Dancers strike a pose in "Cause and Effect."
8. Performers add a dramaic effect when they drop low in "Running High, Walking Low."



A Beginning and an End

Kicking off the season, the Pioneer football team had a change in line-up on the side lines. Coach and teacher Trevor Von Bruenchenhein took over the varsity team after former coach Mike Troll said his goodbyes last year. Von Bruenchenhein reflected on his first season of coaching the team:

"I thought it went well. I learned a lot and I have to act in a way I expect the players to act," Von Bruenchenhein said. "I always tell them they need to find something to take away and learn no matter how the game ends."

He also learned who he could count on as a leader.

"Nathan Sakowicz was a great leader on and off the field. Kids respected him, and he always respected the role that was required of him," Von Bruenchenhein said. "He was just a great competitor overall."

Aside from a new coach, the Pioneers also played their last season in the Corn Belt Conference. Next year the team will be joining the Central State Eight conference.

"I'm excited for the challenge for a new level of play and for the future of our program," junior quarterback Doug Holmes said.

Throughout the season the team faced challenges that come along with being a smaller school.

"The program numbers were very low so people had to learn new positions on a weekly basis along with injuries," Von Bruenchenhein said.

The team finished the season with a record of 3-6, but facing Moline and Olympia made Von Bruenchenhein proud.

"In both of those games there were very few mental mistakes, and we played as a team in both of those. Everyone was doing their job and that's all you can really ask of them," Von Bruenchenhein said.

The senior class brought great spirit to the student section.

"It is a little extra motivation when you hear people cheering loudly for you," senior defensive tackle Nathaniel Ummel said.

As the seniors played one last game against Moline, they went out with a bang winning the game and leaving the field with close friends.

"We have each other's back no matter what," Ummel said.

Story by Drew Johnson
Photos by Hannah Kiefer, Kaitlyn Ludwig, and courtesy of Stacey Welter

Lights, camera, action

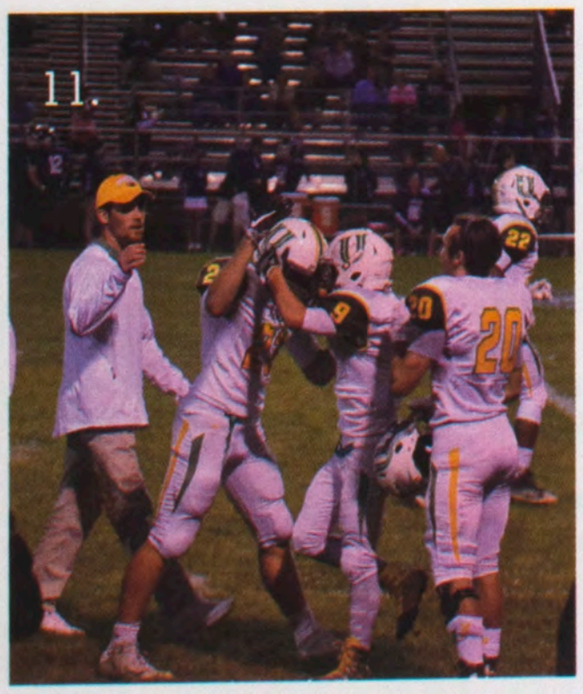
1. The 11 seniors show dedication and bring pride to U-High.
2. Averaging 13.5 yards per game, senior Garrett Murray runs the ball to gain a few more yards against Washington High School.
3. Junior Trey Heffner leads the team on the field and is ready to play.
4. Team huddle prior to the first game against Washington High School.
5. The defensive line is ready to start the next play at home against Moline High School.

Cheer the team

6. Averaging at least two tackles per game, senior Packard Otto gets ready to play.
7. Captain, line backer, and tight end Cole Tandy, celebrates after a great play against Washington High School.
8. Senior Zach Gocker raises the spirit stick to excite the student section.

In ready position

9. The team receives interesting advice from the sideline.
10. Senior Beau Hendren shows his school spirit on senior night, making it two years of cheering on the sidelines.
11. Teammates congratulate each other on the sidelines at the rivalry game at Olympia.
12. Captains Doug Holmes, Nathaniel Ummel, Cole Tandy, Nathan Sakowicz, and John Gibson, line up holding hands for the coin toss.



Longest Strides

1. Senior Grayson Will running a 15:47 races past competitors at Conference.
2. Pushing through the pain, senior Austin Spaulding runs his best time of 18:19 as he passes competitors at the Cornbelt Conference meet.
3. Senior Michael Elzanati runs swiftly and smoothly working his way to the finish at Conference.

Together We Run

Following their leader, senior Jack Franklin, the boys cross country season had many victories. "We had a lot of injuries this season, so it was challenging to keep our hopes up," Franklin said. But that didn't stop the boys from placing 3rd at rhw 2A State Meet. "It was an overall team effort, but Jack and Jared Schuckman were our 1-2 punch for the season," Coach Lester Hampton said.

The varsity state team consisted of senior Jack Franklin, juniors Jared Schuckman, Tanner Gillam, Harris Porter, Matt Zacharias and sophomores Josh Nepomuceno and Zach Wolford. The boys won their seventh consecutive Intercity championship. Other titles the team earned included 2nd at 2A Regionals, 2nd in the Cornbelt Conference, and 2nd at 2A Sectionals.

"We ran hard, like we had something to prove the entire year even when we weren't running our best or doing as well as we wanted," Franklin said. "It was challenging to keep our hopes up and try to accomplish some of our tougher goals as a team, but overall we got it done," Zacharias said.

Victory doesn't come cheap. The boys averaged about 40-50 miles per week, working on a variety of techniques such as strength and endurance, but mostly they worked on speed. "We had the opportunity more so then most years to work on speed a little bit more," Hampton said.

"I wouldn't have chosen to do anything different," four- year runner Austin Spaulding said. "All the seniors on cross country would probably say it was one of the greatest experiences of our lives."

Story by Kaitlyn Ludwig

Photos by Leah Taylor and courtesy of Doug Gillam

Passing up the Competition

4. Junior Alok Kamatar, and sophomores Dane Alexander, Jackson McClure, and Cooper Wilken sticking together to the finish.
5. Leading the team, junior Jared Schuckman passes his final opponents to take the victory at conference.
6. Junior Rohan Kamatar passes competitors left and right as he heads to the finish line.
7. Junior Caleb Diffor runs his best time of 18:22 at the Cornbelt Conference.

Racing to the Finish

Led by frontrunning freshman Katy Clausen, the girls cross country team had yet another successful season, placing 8th in the 2A State Meet. "I had a great year, and I wish I could have more." Clausen said. Clausen will be moving to Arizona next year but took on a very important and consistent role this year as a member of the varsity team.

The varsity team included seniors Advika Kamatar, Ally Shepherd, Katie Reeves, junior Riley Madix, sophomore Emmy Mussey, and freshmen Katy Clausen and Tasha Schuckman. The girls placed 1st at Intercity and 4th at Regionals, 1st in the Cornbelt Conference, and 2nd at Sectionals. Due to next year's transition to the Central State Eight Conference, the team went down as 'eternal Cornbelt Champs', one of the team's most memorable accomplishments of this season.

"Conference was, without a doubt, the most competitive I've seen the girls," head coach John Neisler said. "We won a tight race against Mahomet, and people really stepped up and took ownership of what needed to get done."

In order to be a part of the cross country team, the girls put much time and energy into going the extra mile - literally. Averaging around 30-35 miles a week, the girls worked on speed, endurance, and strength for around three hours each day, better preparing themselves to shatter season and all-time personal records one race at a time.

"It's a huge commitment," four-year runner Reeves said. "But every year was definitely worth it. It has taught me a lot about hard work - what you put in really is what you get out."

Story by Leah Taylor

Photos by Leah Taylor and courtesy of Doug Gillam

Positive Vibes, Negative Times

1. Fighting for or a high place in a tight race, Shepherd makes a pass.
2. The official cross country handshake, Mussey and Neisler edition.
3. At the mile marker, Reeves, Madix, and Brown stick together.

In Their Happy Pace

4. Celebrating their qualification for state, varsity spells out in leaves their hopes of achieving at the season's final competition.
5. In the front pack at the start of the Conference race, Kamatar, Shepherd, and Clausen lead the team.
6. Far ahead of all competition, Clausen dominates the course.
7.. Filled with school spirit, the girls team flies the U.

First Time for Everything

Bringing Home the Hardware

1. The boy's team takes time before the State Qualifying game to focus, get motivated, and kick off the game with traditional "Let's Get Tropical" chant.
2. Elated after the 3-1 win beating St. Joseph, the boys hold up the first boy's soccer state trophy for this area.
3. Sophomores Nathan Clay, Mason Wittman and John Kelley celebrate a quick-thinking goal assisted by Wittman with a great finish by forward Cayden Redd.
4. Senior Matt Mosele joined the team this year and made his mark as a strong defensive player for the team.

The U-High boy's soccer team had what some would call a rocky start to their season, losing two games in their pre-season to the humbly-named Fisher Bunnies. Nonetheless, the team had their eyes on winning their sectional final game and making a deep run in the postseason. Last season's team was undefeated going into postseason but ended up losing their sectional final. This year's boys were able reverse that history, winning 2-1 against Peoria Christian who was undefeated this year and beat them last year. The Pioneers continued to defeat team after team and ultimately ended up winning U-High's first state championship title for boy's soccer exceeding their goals in the best way possible.

"There have been many other teams who have tried and came close to accomplishing this feat, but this team came out on top in the end, which was a really special moment," coach Jeremy Stanton said.

According to senior captain Ryan Poland, this team was special because of the chemistry that these boys shared. "They would hardly ever be too serious, especially on the bus rides to the games where we would 'jam out' to Goosebumps and other classic songs." However, when it was time to focus the group was able to focus and play a good game.

The team was in a slump going into the playoffs after a very hard tournament. As sophomore Mason Wittman and other underclassmen stated, they looked to their captains for the leadership to bring the team back together going into the postseason. Teo goalie and junior captain Christian Lopez knew he needed to give his team the driving edge to work hard and stay positive before, during and after the game. The Pioneers were able to string together a series of games in the postseason that combined the players quick thinking, team chemistry, technique, and determination that ultimately won them the State Title against St. Joseph.

"Being a state champion is special," junior Lucas Hari said,. "To win state in the way that we did and with the team that we did it with I wouldn't change that for the world."

Story by Megan Wittman
Photos by Megan Wittman, Sarah Park, and Nick Honzel

Success at State

5.Senior captain Ryan Poland warms up before the final game of the his school career which also happened to be the State Championship game.

6. Seniors Michael Napolitano and Nickolas Leathers pass the ball down the field during regular season play at Community Fields after their own field was under water from a storm the previous day.

7. Tossing up the "U," Senior Jason Lenz walks into the locker room at halftime of the State Final match. The team would go on to win the game 3-1 over St. Joseph High School.

A Team Becomes a Family

8. The team walks to parents and student section, holding up the U's after winning the State Semi-Final beating Waterloo 1-0. Beating Waterloo was a big deal because that team won State two years ago.

9. Junior Goalie Christian Lopez is known for making amazing saves and leading the team to success.

10. The team celebrates after a goal in the State Championship game at the EastSide Centre in Peoria, IL. Sophomore JD Kelley slotted a goal past the goalie to make the lead at halftime 3-0.

State Champs

Winning their 10th State Championship, all of the countless hours of preparation and hard work paid off for the Boy's Golf Team this year. The Pioneers finished off the fall winning 10 out of their 19 events, along with a top 3 finish in every match. The strong bond between players was something that powered them into such a successful season.

"Well, we started bonding really well after the tryouts, and there was a point in the season when we won four straight tournaments, which really drew us closer," junior Benjamin Bazan said.

The boys played together in practice rounds all throughout the summer, finding their strengths and weaknesses, and forming a game plan to attack the season. "We really focused on taking one shot at a time," senior captain Dylan Panizo said. "Our best bet to be successful was to never look too far ahead."

Although the boys experienced success from the start, junior Dallas Koth said that the U-High Invitational at ISU was a real turning point.

"It was our worst tournament of the year and it was right before the postseason. I think it was kind of a wake up call to focus and give it everything we have for the last couple weeks of the season," Dallas Koth said.

Well, it was obviously a turn for the better. The boys won the state championship with a combined score of 624, led by junior Dallas Koth's 148 for a second place individual finish. The support of the U-Crew lifted spirits high those last two days, and gave them the push they needed to finish the job.

"They created an atmosphere of hope," Dylan Panizo said. "It drove us to have the motivation to win a 10th state championship,"

Although the Pioneers will have to carry on next year without Dylan Panizo, the team believes that the memories of this season will transfer into success for the next couple of years, and the bond between teammates will last forever.

"I considered Dylan to be the backbone of our team," Benjamin Bazan said. "Not having him around next year will have to take some getting used to."

Koth, who showed great success during this season, will be a strong leader for the team for next year's season. He displayed qualities that proved his worth not only on the course, but to his teammates in the way he interacted with them. Next year could hold yet another win at state due to the dependablilty of this stand out athlete.

"Dallas has a lot of potential," Dylan Panizo said. "He is really going to carry the team next year."

Story by Billy Mote
Photos by Brian Fry and courtesy of Susan Kullman

A season to remember

1. Junior Benjamin Bazan reads the green at state at Weibring Golf Club.
2. Tracking the ball as junior Alex Kullman shoots it towards the hole.
3. Senior Dylan Panizo celebrates after sinking a clutch six-foot putt at the final hole at this year's state championship.
4. At hole 18 at Weirbing junior Tony Pulumbo comes out of his backswing.
5. Junior Alexander Kullman lines up a drive to win a tournament at Weibring.

A year of memories

6 Senior captain Dylan Panizo shows his short game in this year's state tournament.

7. Junior Alexander Kullman lines up a birdie putt at Metamora Fields.

8. Smiling after putting a ball on the green junior Tony Pulumbo walks to putt it in.

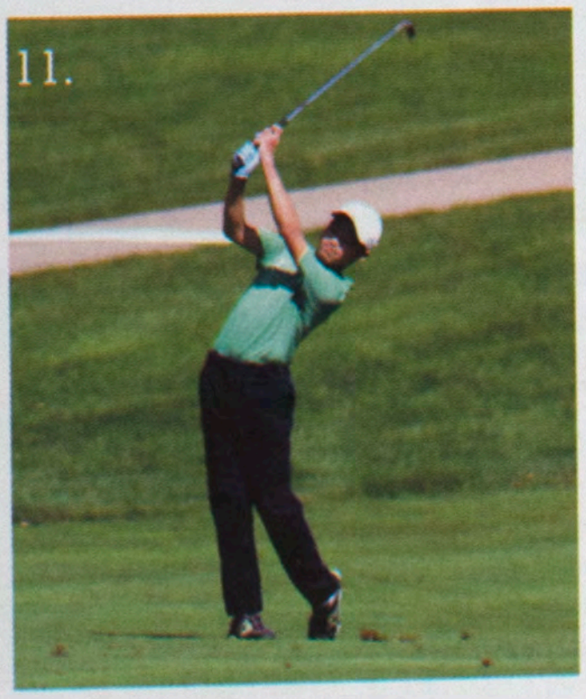
Finishing strong

9. The team celebrates after winning the last Corn Belt Conference Championship at El Paso Country Club.

10. Holding his follow through, junior Benjamin Bazan watches the ball as he tries to shoot his best at a tournment at Coyote Creek.

11. Sophomore Ethan Huynh hits a wedge in his round at Illiinois State.

12. Team co-captain Dallas Koth visualizes his shot before earning a second place finish individually at state.



See "U" on the Court

Setting Up a New Coach

1. Two-time MVP, senior Jamie Walling was chosen for the first team for the Pantagraph all-area volleyball team. "I'm going to miss playing in front of the student section," Walling said. "It's the best feeling to play in front of them." She signed to play at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.
2. Going against U-High's biggest rival, Central Catholic, senior Jamie Walling and junior Addy Loeffler get set for Central's serve at the Intercity Tournament.
3. Jumping high, junior Alexis Engst serves the ball against Prairie Central.
4. The team huddles one more time before going on the court.

With only four returning seniors, and an entirely new coaching staff, the Lady Pioneers ended their season with a record of 27-7. One memorable moment of the season was winning the Minooka Tournament for the first time in Pioneer history.

"Every year, we never even make it to the championships (at Minooka) or anywhere close, so making it all the way and winning the entire thing was definitely the highlight of our season," senior Abbie Seward said. With the pressure from the 4A division home team and the opponent's fans, the team played three intense matches to win the tournament.

Coming in as the new coach, Mike Bolhuis wanted to be the hardest working team on the court.

"I never wanted to lose a match because the team that we were playing was working harder than us," Bolhuis said. He focused on improving the players' skills and teamwork. After every game, a win or loss, the team would talk about what they did well and could improve. "I appreciate the way he coaches and the type of relationship we have is really good," senior Jamie Walling said. "He's honestly one of the best coaches I've ever had."

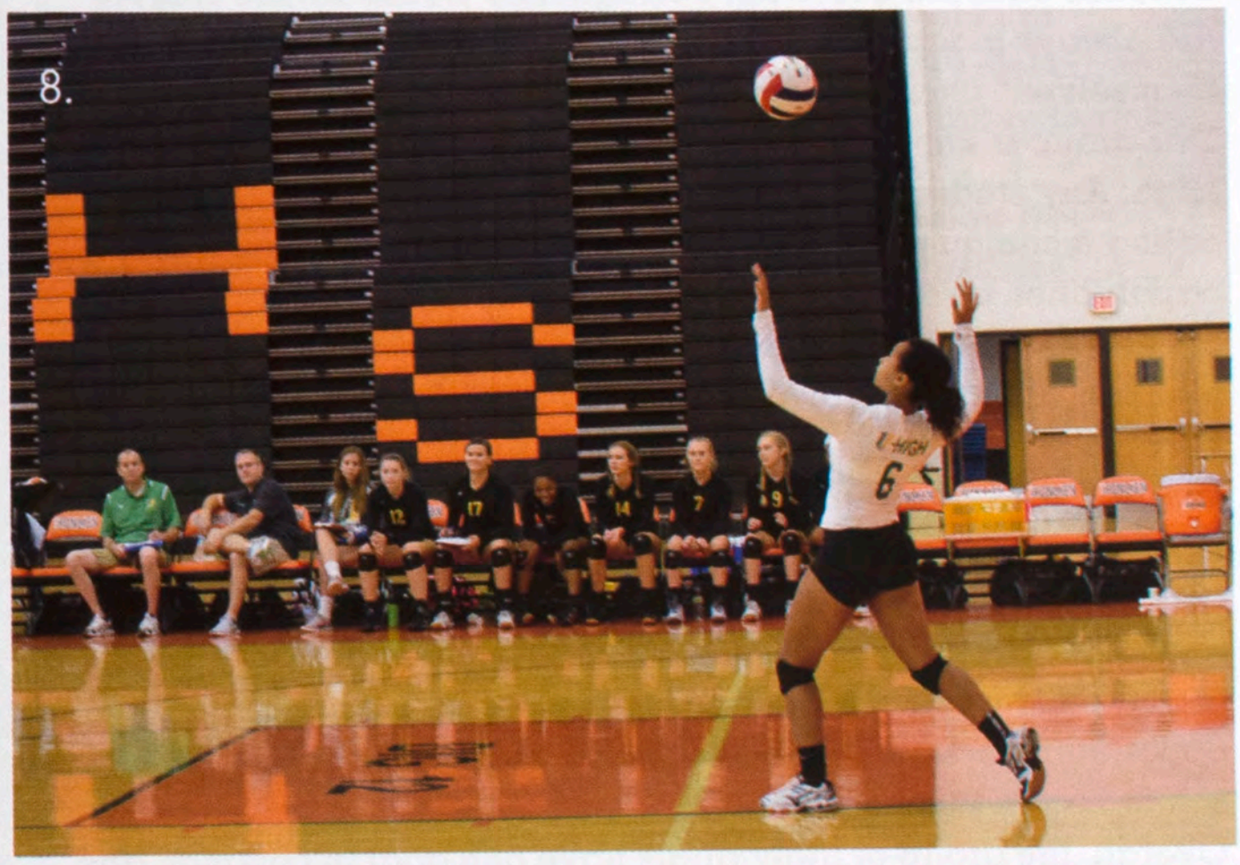
During the first regional game, the Pioneers lost against Lincoln 23-25, 26-24, 22-25.

"I think we were all kind of tight and nervous before the game," Seward said. "It was just hard because Jamie and I weren't having our best game." After the game, the girls stayed in a huddle, letting the emotions sink in. "Everyone was genuinely upset that it was over," Walling said. Even though the season may not have ended the best, the players stayed positive and cared for one another. "I was talking to my parents and the entire team lined up to hug me," Walling said.

Story by Sarah Park
Photos by Becca Wagner and P. Lake Williams

All Around the Court

5. Seniors Jamie Walling and Abbie Seward reach high to block a tip from Prairie Central.
6. Senior Hannah Lane starts the play with an assist from senior Abbie Seward to a spike delivered by senior Jamie Walling.
7. Junior Cheyenne Petersen sets up for a kill from an assist from junior Alexis Engst.



Serving a Conference Title

8. The Pioneers ended the Intercity Tournament 2-2. "The thing I remember most about Janelle McDowell was just how competitive she was," Coach Mike Bolhuis said.
9. Emotions were running high during Senior Night. Four-time varsity player, senior Abbie Seward shed some tears during her last home game. "This year the student section was really good," Seward said. "It was nice to have a lot of support from friends." Seward will play on at Keister University in West Palm Beach, Florida.
10. The girls line up to say "good game" after a win against Prairie Central. The Pioneers tied at the Corn Belt Conference with Central Catholic.

It's all about the costume
1. Freshman performers Emily Houston and Madalyn Schmitt show off their voices.
2 The queen, played by senior Logan Piker, transitions the show into the feast.
3. Rocking the red renaissance dress is senior Emily Rodriguez, welcoming the audience with open arms.
4. The jesters, played by Annie Pierce and Josh Kuhn, showed off their matching costumes on stage.

Back to the Renaissance

The Madrigal singers put on a smashing performance in honor of the holidays and celebrating loved ones. Every year, the show contains a new story, holiday music, and Renaissance-themed dining. This year's show consisted of story competitions, a smelly swinherd, and a visit from the king's angry sister.

"I would say Madrigals is a truly unique and special experience because once we get to the performance weekend, the singers are always independent, self-directed, and run the entire show themselves," chorus director Chris Corpus said.

This group is known to be the most advanced music group at U-High. Any student involved learns much about singing and acting technique, but they also learn about their talent and capabilities as a performer.

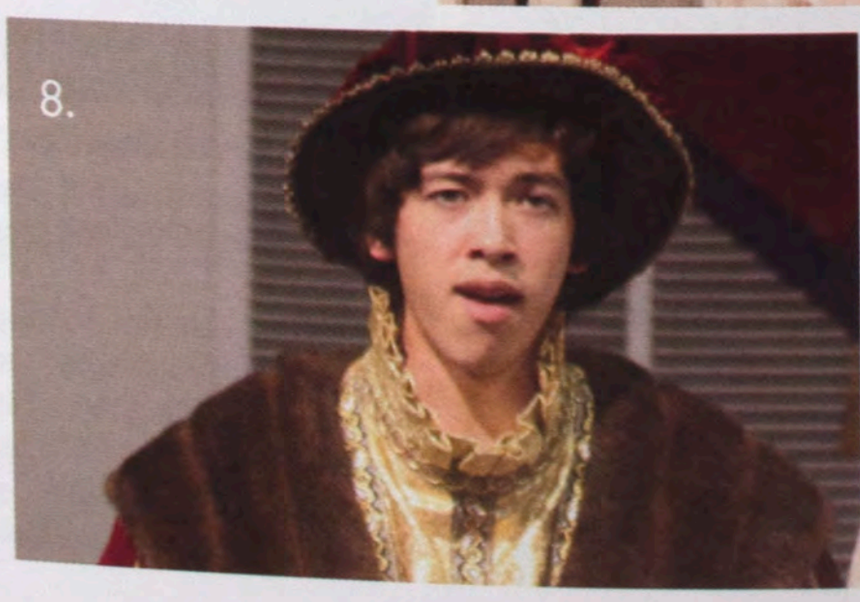
"I think the nature of singing as a madrigal group makes each member able to improve their ability as active listeners and become stronger independent musicians, as well," senior Alex Walbert said. Walbert performed as a court member in the show.

Not only do the students feel they grow as an individual performer, but they also find others who appreciate the same things as they do.

"I got really good at working with people, so I appreciate the opportunity to work and share the same interests with others," senior Logan Piker said.

Overall, the group of individuals have one goal in common and that is to spread the holiday cheer and bring joy to people during a special time of year.

Story by Drew Johnson
Photos by Quinn Johnson and Sarah Park



Show time
5. Freshmen Hannah Matthews and Collin Pouliney sing Blessing before the dining portion begins.
6. The swineherd, played by senior Fiona Peterson-Quinn, is welcomed by the royal court.
7. Sharing a traditional holiday carol, seniors Sydney Auth and Gena Mendez, bring smiles to the sudience's faces.
8. Senior Alex Walbert performs the closing song of his last madrigal show.

Season of Changes

1. Sophomore Stephanie Chow returns a serve across the net in a team win against Metamora. 2. The team chemistry between freshman Isabel Schaefbauer and Abby Totten is evident as they celebrate winning the point. The team took home 3rd in the state tournament. 3. A forehand return is sent across the net by freshman Isabel Schaefbauer. 4. Junior duo Anna Huber and Grace Matheis celebrate an earned point against Metamora. The team won all 9 matches.

Pioneering the Future

New faces, new leaders, new challenges, and new tennis court marked the beginning of this tennis season. The renovation of the tennis courts was a project that was long overdue, but worth it in coach Tom Whiting's eyes.

"When you can walk out of your school 10 feet and go to your courts, that's a huge advantage," Whiting said. "It's a big change and big advantage."

Some of the new faces to the varsity squad include freshman Isabel Schaefbauer and Abby Totten. This is a freshman double's team that had much success on the court finishing third at state. Schaefbaur and Totten were the only freshman team at the state tournament.

"It was really important to be humble," said freshman Abby Totten. "You don't want to be a jerk to the upperclassmen. Don't take the success to your head."

The team graduated four seniors last year, and only had one returning senior this year, Deanna Trosino. Along with Trosino, Anna Huber, Grace Matheis, and Katie Feely were some of the upperclassmen who stepped up and led the team this year.

"It brought a lot of stress, but the team got along, and was understanding and patient with me," junior Anna Huber said.

With a record number of players on the team, and postseason success, Whiting has much faith in his team, "Expectations for next year will be the same, but we can go a step further because this year was so successful. We are a young team, and next year we believe we are good enough to win a state trophy."

Story by Dylan Panizo
Photos courtesy of Bei Huber and Elaine Trosino

Smile Big

5. Staring across the court senior Deanna Trosino focuses on the opponent at hand during a home match on the new tennis courts. The team won seven out of nine matches against Morton.
6. Junior Grace Matheis sends the ball over the net in a doubles match win against Metamora.
7. The team poses for a picture with nothing but smiles after a JV/Varsity match victory.
8. Standout player freshman Abby Totten gets in position to return the ball to her oppenent during a home match. Totten won her match against Morton.

Just Keep Swimming

1. Senior Gena Mendez freestyles her way down the pool as she swims her last race on the U-High swim team.
2. Freshman Caroline Bazan, sophomore Poleena Kovalaske, and junior Emily Swigart pray before their relay together at Horton pool.
3. Senior Gena Mendez swims the 200 free at Horton pool during intercity.

Finding U-High

Senior Elizabeth Stroh has particpated in competitive swim since she was three years old. Competitive swim has impacted Elizabeths' life in several ways."We become more of a family in the sense that we annoy the crap out of each other, and we always feel like someone is doing something wrong and there is always something to complain about," Stroh said. With each members' motivation and dedication to the team's success, they brought home a 2016 Sectionals plaque. "We also share our successes together and when things go wrong and no matter how you feel about your teammates and individual conflicts you have all of us to lean on when we go through times of trial," Stroh said. Their dedication shows in early morning and late night practices. "We learn a lot emotionally," Stroh said. Gena Mendez has been swimming since she was six years old. Senior year she committed to Long Island Post in New York to continue her swimming career. She qualified for state all four years of high school. "If you're going to be on the swim team you have to be committed," Mendez said. Of the seven girls who qualified for state, four of them were underclassmen. One of the four was freshman Sammy Lighty. Lighty has been swimming for 12 years at local swim clubs. Although she didn't do as well as she would have liked, she has high goals for next year. "I didn't end up where I wanted to be, but it gives me moitivation for next season," Lighty said.

Story by Hannah Kiefer
Photos courtesy of Margie Dillow

Eat My Bubbles

4. Sophmore Lilly Culp makes her way to the finish as she swims butterfly at the U-High invite.
5. The 400 relay contributed to a sectionals win at West. The team included senior Gena Mendez, freshman Sammy Lighty, and sophomores Poleena Kovalaske and Lilly Culp.
6. Sophomore Lilly Culp recieves her 10th place state medal at Evanston.
7. Girls swim team brings home a 2016 sectional plaque.

Seventh Heaven

After sending only one person to state last year it would seem the chances the whole team would go to state the following year were slim. The team consisted of seniors Sarah Park, Quinn Johnson, junior Chrisitana Thompson, sophomores Maddison Murphy, Abby Klein, and freshman Alexa Onsrud. The young team going to state would have been unexpected to most, but to some it came as no surprise."We worked hard once the season started and continuously got better as the season progressed, I was not surprised when I found out we were going to state," Johnson said. Their hard work translated to their play. Over the course of the season they won several tournaments, including the Corn Belt Conference as a team. Murphy would go on to win it individually. "It was amazing," Klein said. "The fact that it was the last year for the Corn Belt Conference and the boys team and our team are reigning champions was such an amazing feeling and experience. I feel like our team did our job that day and we left our mark in the Corn Belt Conference." The girls continued to have good scores in their matches, win tournaments, and even managed to shoot below 360 on several occasions. The season hit a high note when the girls reached one of their team goals of shooting a combined score of less than 360 at the state tournament."It was always a goal that was reachable for us, but the fact that it happened at state made it even more special," Murphy said. The team continued to play their best throughout the rest of state and season came to a close when the team received 7th in the state tournament.

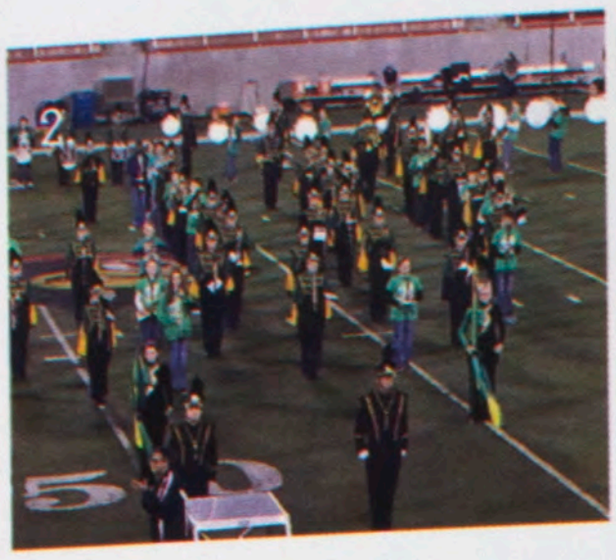
Story by P. Lake Williams
Photos courtesy of Katie Klein

Get in the Hole

1. Making her first apperance at state, freshman Alexa Onsrud putts the ball at Red Tail Run on the opening day at the state tournament.
2. After showing up in a limo with the team, senior Quinn Johnson lines up a putt on her last day as a U-High golfer.
3. Watching the putt, junior Christiana Thompson wills the golf ball to go in the hole as she points with determination.

On the Green

4. In her second appearance at state, sophomore Maddison Murphy chips the ball on the first day of the tournament.
5. Watching her putt at Red Tail Run, senior Sarah Park makes her first appearance at state.
6. With their last year as Pioneer golfers, seniors Sarah Park and Quinn Johnson led the team throughout the season.
7. Sophomore Abigail Klein with a picture perfect swing.



Showtime

1. Senior Lianna Pfister warms up before a competition at Metamora High School.
2 The marching band performs during the halftime show 'Elemental' at a football game.
3. Conducting the marching band during halftime, drum major Paige Maffett holds the rhythm together.
4. During Wind, movement three of 'Elemental', senior Cheyenne Brockett performs a solo.

'Element' of Surprise

Braving the elements throughout their performances of "Elemental," marching band members captured their audience by using strong visuals and musicality.

"I normally look into John Fannin marching band shows. These are the best fit for us," band director Jason Landes said. "I go online and listen to a lot of marching band music. Once I find music I like with a theme we can develop visually, that ends up being our show."

The element theme is portrayed through four movements: earth, water, wind, and fire. With great rehearsal environments and high expectations in mind, each member's focus paid off.

"Every idea and thought came from students, that made the show more entertaining and fun to perform," senior drum major Paige Maffett said. Marching band attended the state competition at Illinois State University where they placed second, only a quarter of a point behind first. This year was the highest they have ever scored at state.

"At competitions when the band's sound comes together and we all catch the toss or get the movement at the exact same time, it's a huge impact moment," senior Lianna Pfister said. Although the results were not what they expected, the hard-work and dedication every member put in was rewarding. "It was exciting to watch members of band get excited of their own personal success," Landes said.

Their dedication began in June during summer rehearsals continuing through band camp the first week of August. To show off their talents, marching band makes an appearance at four competitions before the final state competition. They also march at Illinois State University's homecoming parade. "It was really satisfying to have been able to perform so well for our 'grand finale'," Maffett said.

Story by Grace Telling
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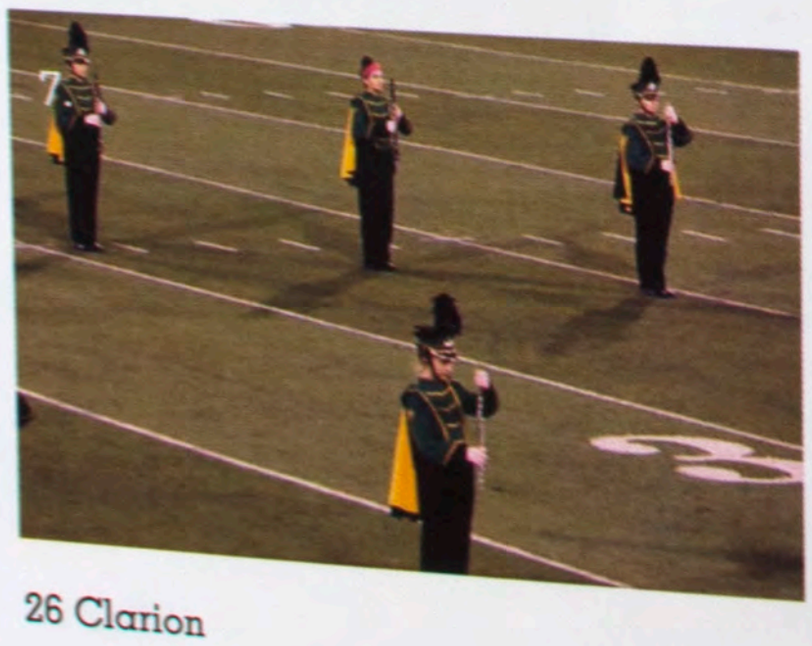


Braving the Elements

5. Preparing for their performance, freshman Britany Ziemer stands alongside the marching band.
6. The flute section of marching band stand in formation for an impact moment.
7. Senior Lauren Black, junior Sydni Ritsema, and freshmen Maura Couglin and Megan Black perform under Friday night football lights.
8. Before a competition at Metamora High School, senior Lianna Pfister and freshman Amelia Markert warm up with their flags.

Heading to the Top

1. Victory! The black team holds up their trophy to celebrate their win.
2. Going into battle, Lillian Wilkin models her team's armor.
3. The white team danced their way to second place.
4. Abby Totten,runs across the gym showing off her team's armor.

Got Gold?

The Greek Olympics is a highly anticipated tradition that freshman cannot wait to participate in. The ninth annual Greek Olympics took place the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break. The freshman class spent weeks learning about Ancient Greek history in their English and Social Science block classes.

"We read Antigone and watched Whale Rider," freshman Elizabeth Parrott said. The competitions the students participated in included the chariot race, javelin toss, trivia, food relay and more.

"We all worked hard, and we each had different skills that incorporated well," Celeste Noraian said.

After intense competition, and close races, in the end it was Biology teacher Maggy Proctor's black team that came in first beating Melissa Doellman's white team by just a few points

"Today went amazing!" Proctor said. "It could not have gone better for me and the black team."

This being her second win puts Proctor ahead of the other Freshman block teachers, who also take this competition very seriously.

"I may have taken the lead now that Ms. Pole's not in the Freshmen Program," Proctor said.

It was clear that the freshman agreed that the Olympics were a great way to bond with their peers.

"It was cool to see the freshman class all together having fun," freshman Lupita Echeverria said.

"I definitely got to meet more of my classmates," Noraian stated. "The best part was all the cheering and everyone being positive toward each other."

Through their sense of unity and active participation, the class of 2020 can be summed up best by teacher Kirsten Hany who stated, "As far as becoming U-High, they are well on their way."

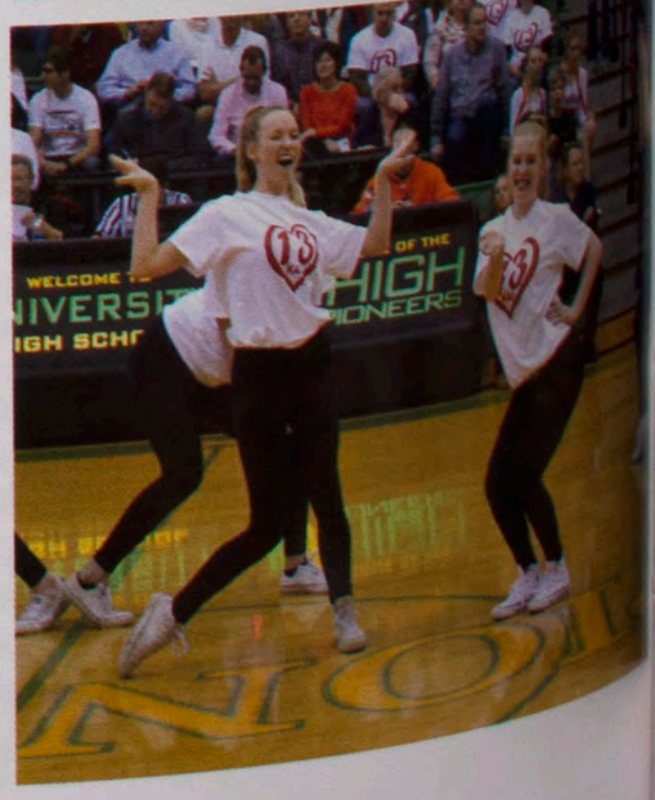
Story by Joke Adanri
Photos by Joke Adanri and Becca Wagner

Refuse to Lose

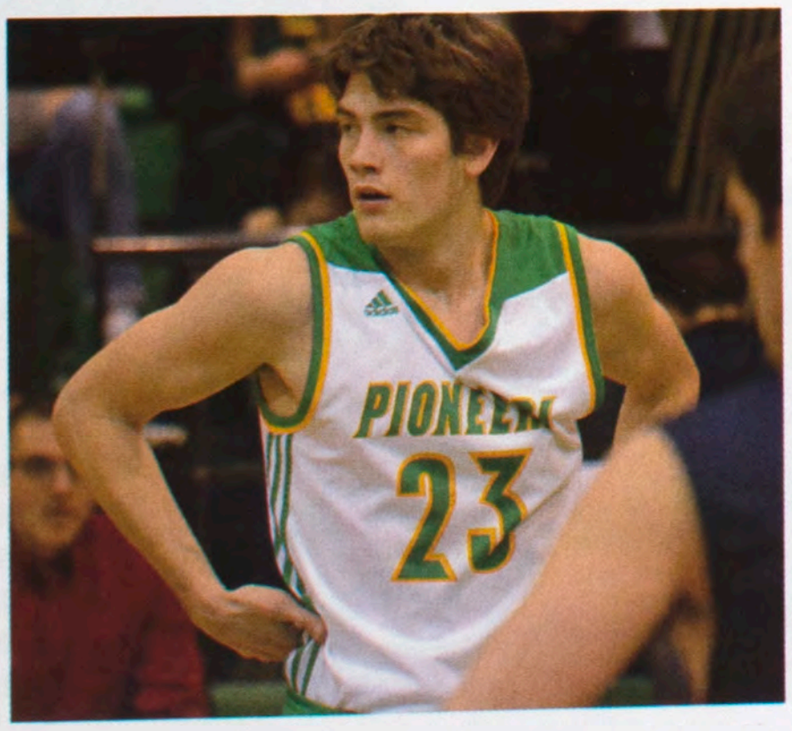
5. Racing to the finish line, Jacob Hileman pushes teammate Levi Smaling during the chariot race.
6. Commited to winning, the white team enters the gym with determination on their faces.
7. Jonah Sweet celebrates black team's "sweet" victory.
8. Students await the "Go" to start the chariot race, eventually won by the black team.

Winter

The Pioneers sure know how to get into the school spirit. Though finals were coming up, the students still kept their enthusiasm while finishing out the end of their first semester by participating in the annual Rotary holiday spirit week. Whether it's the black light game & dance, the winter play, or dodgeball tournament, the Pioneers definitely know how to make the most out of the cold season.



"My favorite part was the Olympia basketball game because the gym was packed and it was really fun," senior Jacqueline Bacon said.
"I enjoyed going on the Disney trip in December and early January with the chorus group," sophomore Isabell Cutting said.
"I liked wearing pajamas during during finals for the holiday spirit week," senior Clare Griffin said.



Bleeding green and gold

1. The roller coaster was in full swing at the basketball game against Prairie Central.
2. Seniors John Gibson, Dylan Panizo, and Jaxon Heffner cheer on the basketball team.
3. The Crew packed the house at this year's football game against Central Catholic.
4. Seniors Garrett Murray, Nathaniel Ummel, and Jaxon Heffner "bleed USA" at this year's Intercity Tournament.

U-Crew Spirit

This school year was a special one for the U-Crew. Led by senior Jaxon Heffner, multiple students poured into the student section at football, volleyball, and basketball games. Since Jaxon played football in the fall, he passed the Spirit Stick to senior Zach Gocker to lead the U-Crew for football games. The student section started the year strong, showing up to every home game and most away games. According to football player Garrett Murray, having the U-Crew out there brought a feeling of motivation. "When we would run out onto the field for pregame, the team would look up to see the student section going crazy," Garrett Murray said. "They really fired us up." The football team wasn't the only ones feeling the vibes from the U-Crew this Fall. Senior volleyball player Hannah Lane said that it was really great having the students out to some of their games. "They really helped with the momentum of the game," Hannah Lane said. "We really appreciated them coming all year." The U-Crew went all out on themes this season. Some themes included white out, neon, USA, green and gold, hick out, and frat. According to senior basketball player Schumacher, the U-Cew was a major key to their success late in the season. "They really lit up the gym this year," Schumacher said. "It was amazing how much influence they had on the energy of the game." Whether it was the 200 student-run cookout at Central Catholic before the football game, or the silent night themed basketball game, the class of 2017 brought a level of energy and spirit that this school has not seen in years. "They definitely have big shoes to fill," Heffner said. "I hope they get crazy like we did."

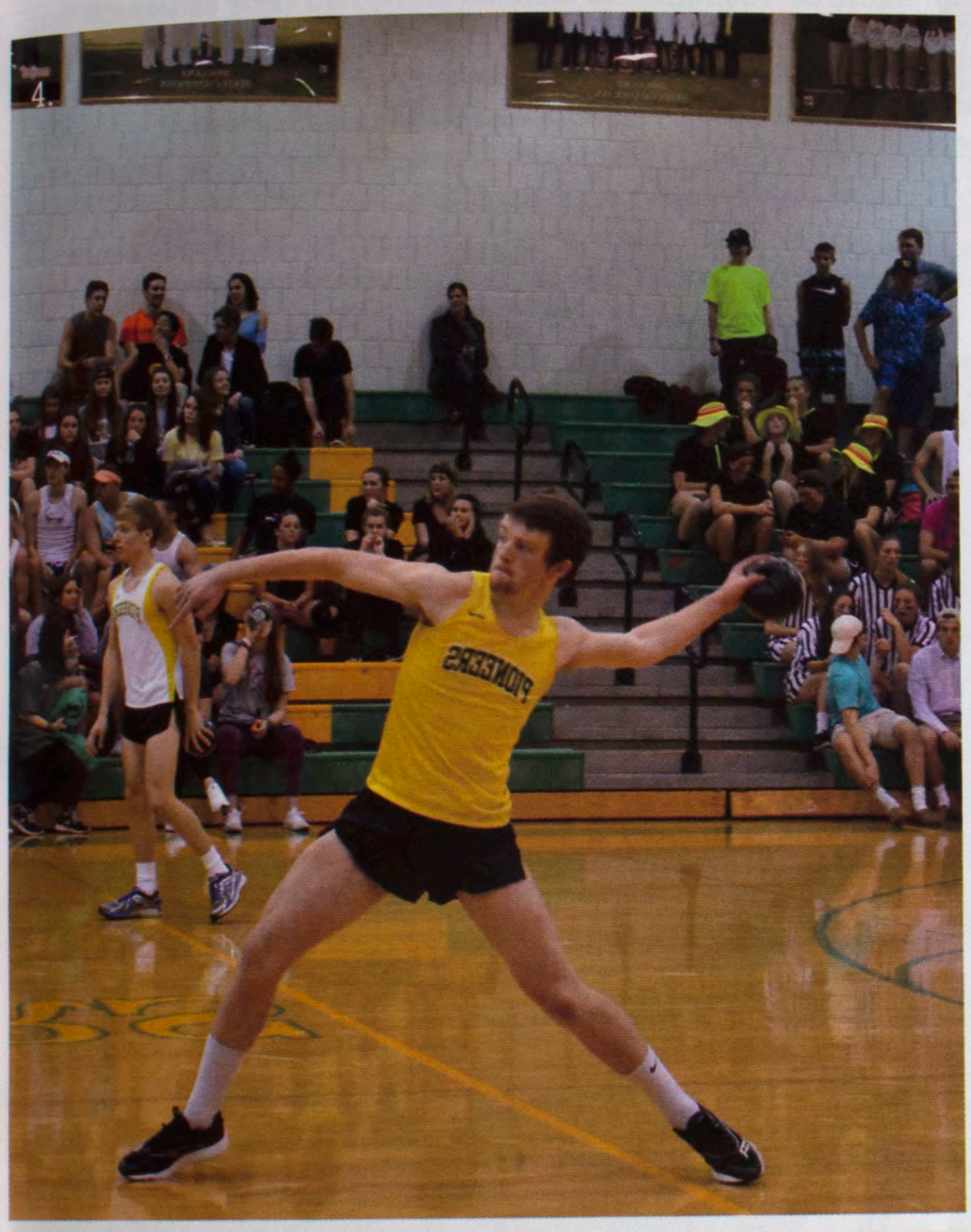
Story by Billy Mote
Photos by Megan Wittman

Leaving a Legacy

5. Holding up the "U" at the celebration game for Kai Bates-Diop.
6. U-Crew exploding during the Silent Night at this year's neon-themed game against Olympia.
7. The student run cookout at the Central Catholic football game was a success.
8 Taylor Lindsey, Danielle Kinsella, Anne Rich, Sydney Whitten, Anna Rodriguez, Kaylee Birlingmair, Quinn Johnson, Caroline McKinzie, Elena Hollingsworth, and Megan Wittman came out to support the boys basketball team in their game against Washington.

Aiming for Victory

1. Senior Kellen Amble looks around for his next target.
2. With great enthusiasm senior John Gibson cheers his team on for victory.
3. A team holding onto to hope with junior Trey Heffner being their last man in.
4. Junior Caleb Diffor ready to launch a dodgeball at an opponent.



Dodgeball Madness

The annual Dodgeball tournament is always a very exciting and highly anticipated event. With everyone allowed to participate many unique teams are created to give their best shot at winning the tournament... or the best costume contest.

"I was pumped for the tournament this year, I love how competitive it is," junior Doug Holmes said.

The best games to watch are always the close ones, it gets very intense.

"Watching a game come down to the final moments is so cool," senior John Gibson said. "Everyone gets on their feet, and people like to cheer for the underdog. Upsets are the best."

Good competition always makes for a great tournament, but for one team there was no competition.

A team that placed second in last year's tournament after a sudden death loss in the championship game wanted to comeback this year with vengeance. The team is composed of seniors Garrett Murray, Nathan Sakowicz, Nathaniel Ummel, Dylan Panizo, Jaxon Heffner, and Zach Gocker.

"We were pretty upset after the loss last year. We wanted nothing but to win this year," Garrett Murray said.

Winning is exactly what they did, not losing one game in this year's tournament.

"You could see the way they played that they were unstoppable," senior Kellen Amble said. "No team was going to beat them."

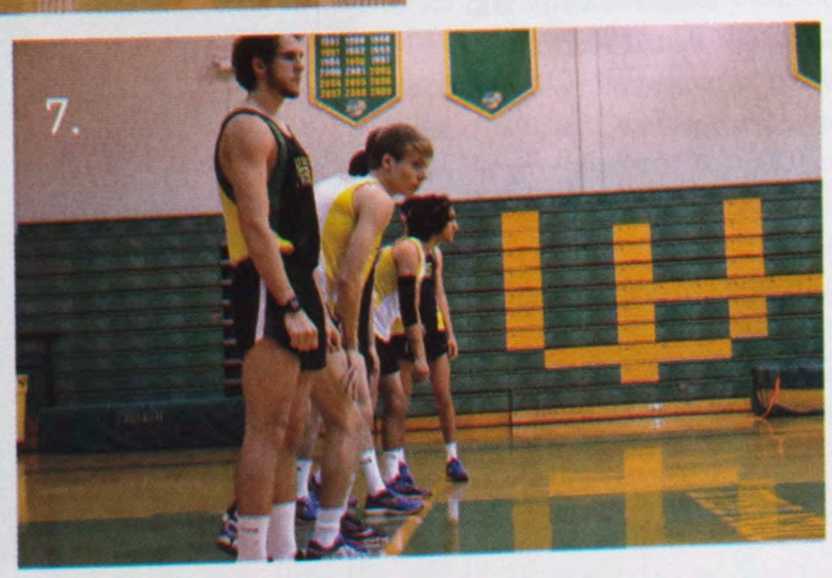
Most of their matches ended in the first minute.

Despite one team dominating in the tournament it, was still thrilling. It will continue be a highlight in the upcoming years. The tournament was also successful in raising money for cancer. This year's tournament raised $582 for the Babyfold organization.

Story by Jaxon Heffner
Photos by Janelle McDowell

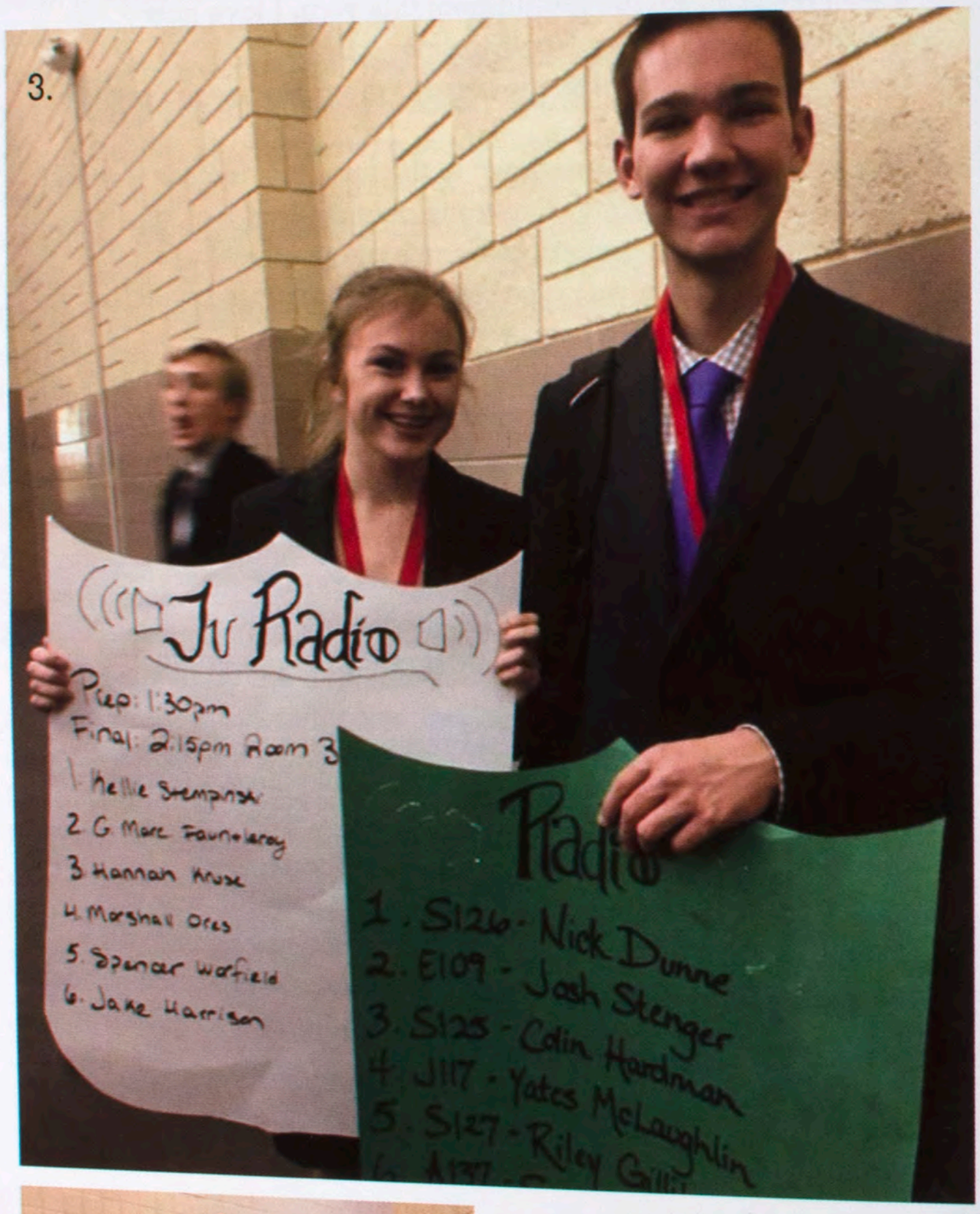
Scrambling for Success

5. Looking across the floor junior Doug Holmes looks to make a play.
6. Freshman Derek Nanni trying to make a final throw attempt.
7. The cross country team looks on as their match is about to begin.
8. Players fire towards the starting line to grab balls for their team.



Speak to Me

1. Speech team celebrates winning the Regional plaque.
2. The team took the win at Bradley University.
3. Senior Colin Hardman and sophomore Kellie Stempinski posing for a candid after winning their event.



Just Speechy

Building confidence one competition at a time. The speech team was awarded at least three hundred individual medals and had ten students qualify in the state tournament, improving on an already impressive recod. Three out of the ten were finalists, Though there were no individual state champs, it was still a big accomplishment for the team.

"While we didn't have any individual state champions, it was still a great effort," speech coach Brian Rohman said, "especially when we look at Lauren Dubravec, one of the three state finalists being a novice."

Alongside with doing great in competitions, the team is also becoming a great family. This year's speech team support each other and will go out of their way to coach one another and will do anything that will benefit the team's outcome.

"The season went really well. The first half of the season was really rocky, but around winter break, we all kind of realized what we were doing and started picking up really strongly from there," senior Austin Spaulding said. "Being tied for first in the state after regionals and second at sectionals, I think that it went pretty well by the end of the year."

The team went into summer qualifying sixteen people for nationals. These Pioneers achieved phenomenal results in Alabama with juniors Caroline Pickering and Natalie Thomison earning second and fourth, respectively, in expository speaking. Sophomore James Han became a national champion in extemporaneous commentary.

Story by Robin Fiero
Photos courtesy of Jordyn Blythe, Shannon Maney, Brian Rohman, and Austin Spaulding

Oratorically Gifted

4. Juniors Natalie Thomison, Jordyn Blythe, sophomore Kellie Stempinski and senior Logan Piker are all Looking snazzy in their business attire.
5. Sixteen Pioneers ventured to Alabama to compete in Nationals, bringing home fourth, second, and first place trophies.
6. Celebrating their group victory after winning regionals.
7. Team smiling after finding out that they are going to state.

Both Sides

Debate is an exercise in mental stamina that challenges exploration of all your beliefs and teaches effective argumentation "A lost art in today's world," says Brian Rohman who has coached the debate the past two years.

"Debate allows you to be argumentative in the proper fashion," senior Josh Henderson said. Josh is a passionate debater and has participated in debate for all four of his years at U-High. One of the most important things Josh has learned from debate is you never know what to expect. "You can't predict what's going to happen. You can't count your eggs before they hatch," Henderson said

"Debate makes you think for both sides of an argument and forces you to think about hard topics," senior and four year participant Matt Stamets said. "It teaches you how to be quick and assertive and how to construct overall logical and effective arguments. Essentially, it teaches you to stand up for yourself."

Stamets qualified for nationals this year along with his partner, senior Simon Heinrich, in Public Forum.

"The moment Mr. Rohman told us we had won our final match in districts and had qualified for nationals was probably the most exciting of my life," Heinrich said.

Senior Alex Plumadore and junior Travis Baird also qualified for nationals in the Public Forum event. "I'm really hopeful going into nationals. I've figured out how to work with my partner really well, and I feel really well prepared for nationals," Plumadore said.

This year has certainly been a succesful one for the debate team. However, for Brian Rohman this was not the biggest accomplishment of the season. "I feel like my biggest accomplishment this season was getting so many students engaged and wanting to improve. I can't take the credit for our success this season. It comes from students participating and putting in their best effort."

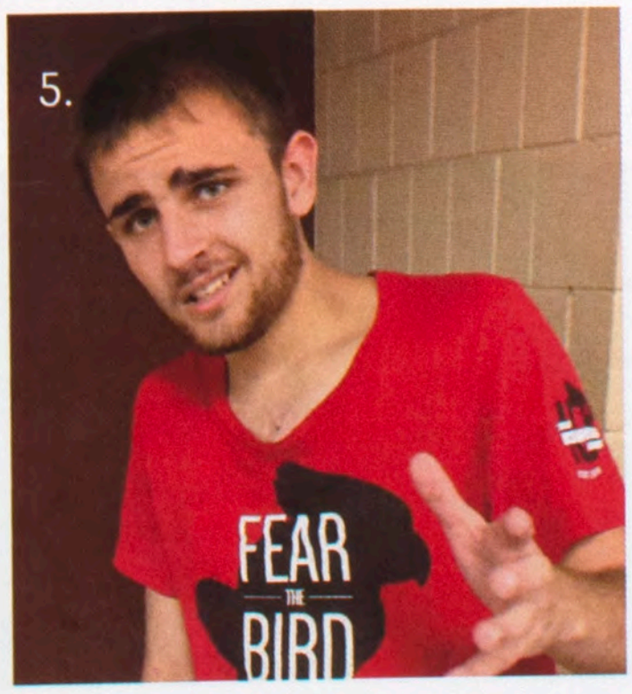
Story by Elijah Gray
Photos courtesy of Simon Heinrich and Brian Rohman

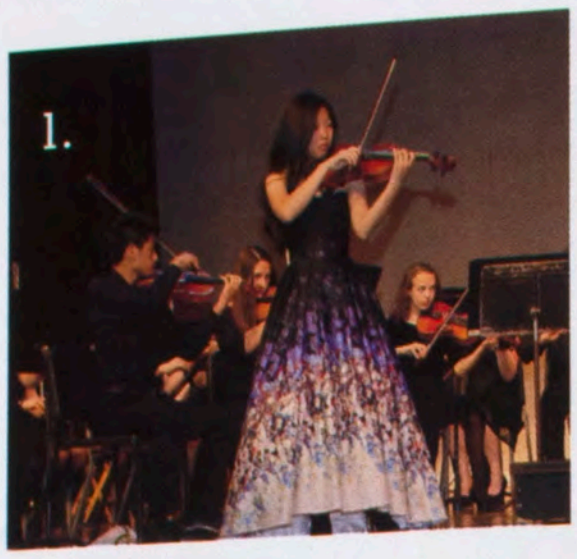
A Succesful Year

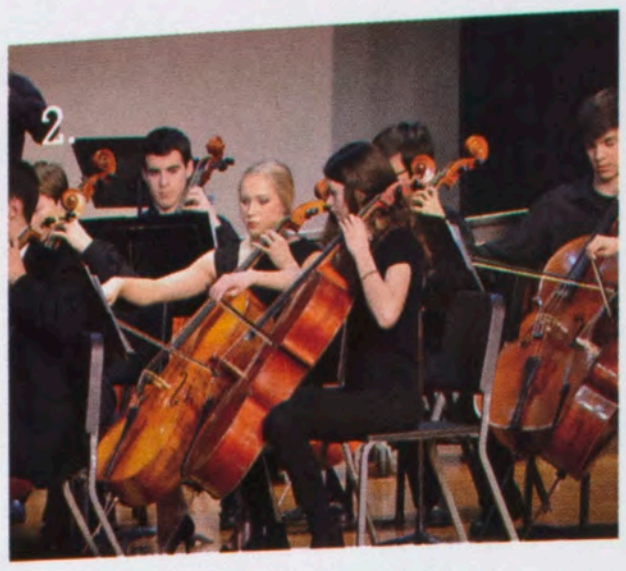
1. Seniors Colin Hardman and Simon Heinrich pose with first place trohpies at their first debate competition of the year.
2. Debators Simon Heinrich, Colin Hardman, John Sauser, and Travis Baird strike a pose after a succesful competition.

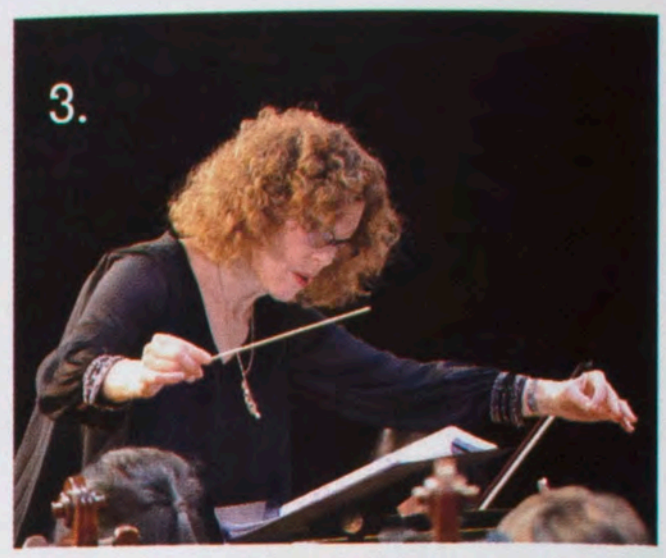
Nationals Bound

3. Seniors Simon Heinrich and Matthew Stamets pose with their national qualifier plaques.
4. Seniors Colin Hardman, Simon Heinrich, Austin Spaulding, Alexander Plumadore, and Matthew Stamets celebrate after regionals.
5. Senior Josh Henderson practices his debate technique.









Hard Work Paying Off

1. Senior Sarah park played an exciting show piece for her senior project in the final concert of the year.
2 The cello players perform vigorously in their concert.
3.Mistro Ehrlich cueing her students.
4. Senior Sam Fansler plays a flawless concerto for his senior project.

Pieces of Gold

It's really hard to tell what's bigger; the number of students in the 2016-2017 orchestra or the span of experience and difficulty level that the players represent. "This orchestra is the biggest in my time at U-High," conductor Margot Ehrlich said. "It's really hard to challenge players on a large spectrum of abilities." As a student, this variety is very beneficial. "The diversity really adds a different perspective to the orchestra," senior and principal cellist Sam Fansler said. "More experienced players to share their knowledge and technique with less experienced players, benefitting everyone," Fansler said.

Six talented orchestra members auditioned and were invited to participate in the IMEA orchestra. Matthew Suh and Sam Fansler went on to represent U-High in the All State Honors orchestra, a highly regarded group to be a part of in high school. For the second year in a row, orchestra took a field trip to watch the Chicago Symphony Orchestra rehearse. "It's important for the students to experience because you cannot describe what it's like to be in a music hall," Ehrlich said. "It's almost a three or four dimensional experience." The orchestra took a lot of things away from the experience. "Except for Sarah (concertmaster) spraining her ankle, it was a fun trip," Fansler said.

Despite the challenges this year brought, the students accomplished a lot this year. "From the growth I have already seen in the underclassmen, I can only believe they have huge potential as a class," Ehrlich said.

Story by Savannah Remkus
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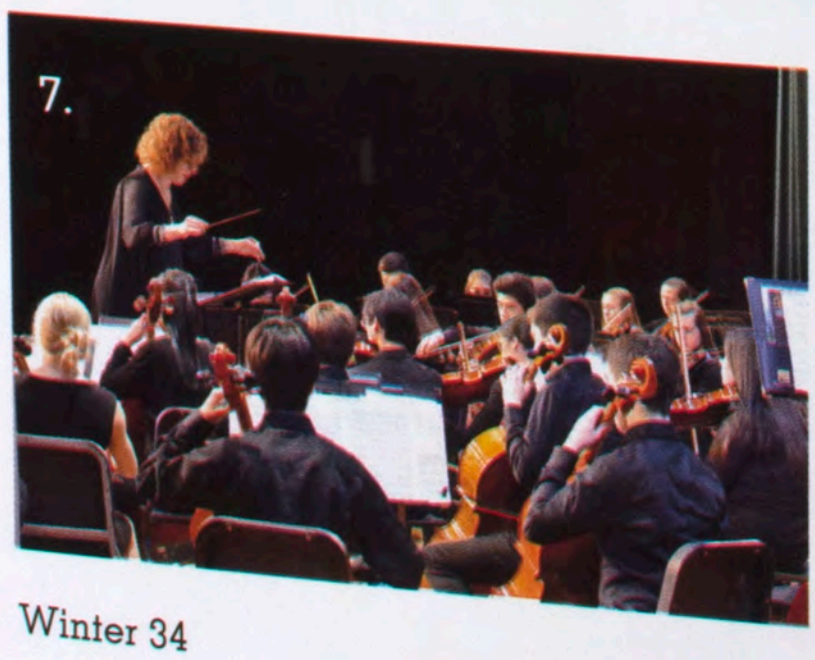


Working As One

5. The orchestra looking very sharp in their all black concert attire.
6. Sophomores Josh Nepomuceno and Susanna Angles focusing on their challenging piece.
7. The whole orchestra alert during their final concert.
8. Seniors Sam Fansler and Savannah Remkus play along side Freshman Irene Park during their final concert.

Ready, Set, Disney

1. Concert choir and Treble choir participated in Disney's Candlelight Processional. "I almost started crying when I heard the Voices of Liberty. They are incredible," senior Lianna Pfister said.
2. Nearing the end of the night, seniors Rickey Orr, Joshua Henderson, Kevin LeMentec, junior Ian Guthrie, seniors Alex Walbert, Logan Piker, Drew Johnson, and sophomore Ryann Piker capture one more moment in Hollywood Studios.

Music Magic

Heading down to the warm weather in Florida, the chorus and orchestra spent their winter break in Disney World and Universal Studios.

One of chorus's performances was Disney's Candlelight Processional in Epcot.

"We created an audition video in December of last school year and submitted it," chorus director Chris Corpus said. "Then we had to learn a lot of music to prepare."

In addition to around seventeen songs to memorize, some of the songs were in French and German. The chorus sang beside a full orchestra, the Disney choir, and the Voices of Liberty, while retired baseball player, Cal Ripken, Jr. narrated through the evening.

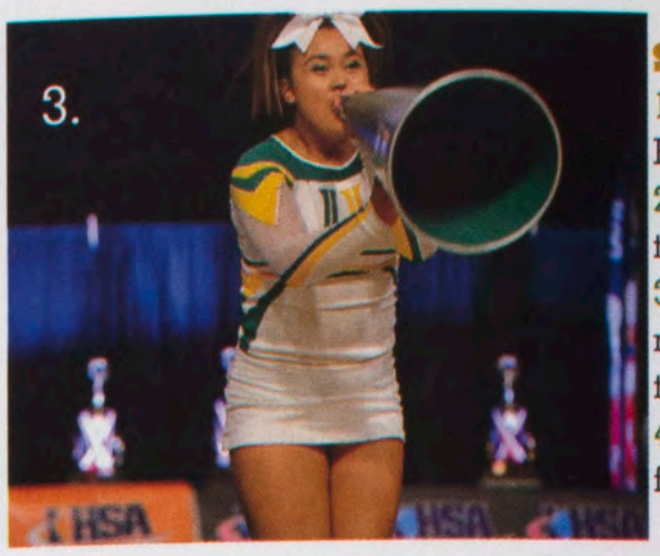
Chorus also performed a variety of pieces at the Waterside Stage in Disney Springs and completed a workshop coached by clinician, Meredith Hollowell. The entire choir recorded their own soundtrack with the music from the Lion King. "Mr. and Mrs. Corpus were asked to make crying noises for the video," senior Lianna Pfister said. "They did amazing."

The orchestra also had a similar experience in their workshop. Orchestra conductor Margot Ehrlich voiced all of the animal sounds in a jungle to fit the soundtrack from Tarzan. In the workshop, students not only played some Disney classics, but learned how movie soundtracks are made. "They have the movie set, for animated movies, before the music is put to it," Pfister said. "I thought that was really interesting."

Story by Sarah Park
Photos courtesy of Disney World and Holly Pfister

"Minnie" Memories

3. After exploring all the countries in Epcot, senior Gena Mendez, sophomore Catherine Winger, senior Emma Merriman, and juniors Hannah Matthews and Lauren Dubravec end their day with adorable Mickey ears.
4. Zipping through the darkness, freshman Gabriel Pfister, senior Jeffrey Kapraun, and freshman Tripper Pierce hold on tight on Space Mountain.
5. Sophomore Abby Petersen smiles after the orchestra performed at the Waterside Stage in Disney Springs.
6. A photo with the iconic Minnie Mouse was a must for freshmen Elizabeth Raycraft, Lupita Echeverria, Natalie Leathers, and McKena McClellan.



Soaring Success

1. Before taking the floor, Freshman Madison Beaver prepares for her first time at state.
2. Advancing to the second day of state, the team yells on the floor with excitement.
3.Sophomore Karizma Im yells through the megaphone during the dynamic vocal part of the routine.
4. Flying high in the air, Taylor McCormick's facials keep the team's energy up.

We Are U-High

"U-H-I-G-H, U-High, We are U-High" Every time the Pioneers took the floor they started the routine with this familiar chant. By the end of the season, the crowd was yelling along with the team, proving how supportive and big the cheer family became. This chant that embodies U-High pride and a sense of family carried the team's value throughout the year.

First-year junior Lamar Conard said, "This team knows how to have fun but also work hard when it come down to it. The group of people make it all worth it."

Accomplishing this sense of community was even more important because almost half of the team was new to competitive cheer. According to senior captain Anna Rodriguez, the team practices five out of the seven days a week, with competitions on the weekend. This caused them to find what ways their personalities mixed and to develop a strong bond. Their success was best demonstrated when they placed 1st at three regular season competitions and then surged to the top to win sectionals. All year the team wanted to place in the top three and make podium, a feat a U-High cheer team has never accomplished. This year, they had a desire to reach the top.

After months of hard work and dedication, the team placed 4th which is better than any U-High cheer team has ever done. Competitive cheer is a world that not many people understand but for this year's team members, U-High cheer will hold a special place in their hearts.

Senior captain Ellie Paul said, "Being a part of U-High cheer has shaped me into a more outgoing, hardworking and confident person. I have gained life long friends and memories and U-High cheer is the best team I've ever been on."

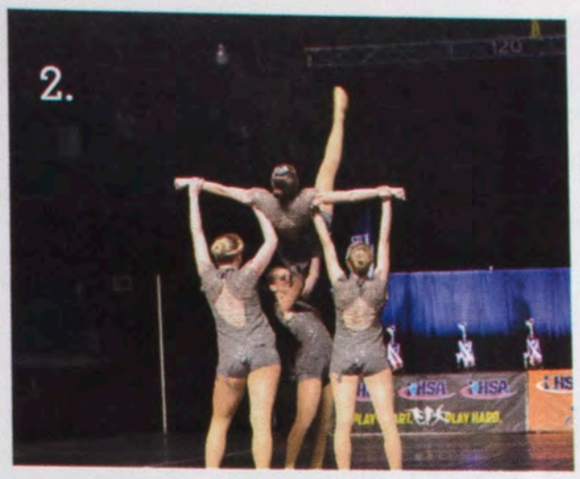
Story by Megan Wittman
Photos by Janelle McDowell and Megan Wittman

Better Than Before

5. Senior captains Anne Rich and Anna Rodriguez flash the "U" before setting up for the basket-toss sequence.
6. U-High Cheer is known for having sharp hitting movements which senior captain Ellie Paul demonstrates at this moment.
7. All eyes were on the team as they tried a new pyramid. It was being seen for the first time in their division.
8. Sophomore Samantha Spain helps the team accomplish their goal and earn 4th at State.

It's All About Teamwork

1. One of the team captains, Julianna Heptinstall, executes a pirouette on stage.
2. This lift was not only beautiful, it added a level of difficulty to their dance.
3. Senior, Danielle Kinsella, has a beautiful turn during the state finals.
4. The crowd was wowed by Sadie Cole's perfect toe touch.



Good Reputation

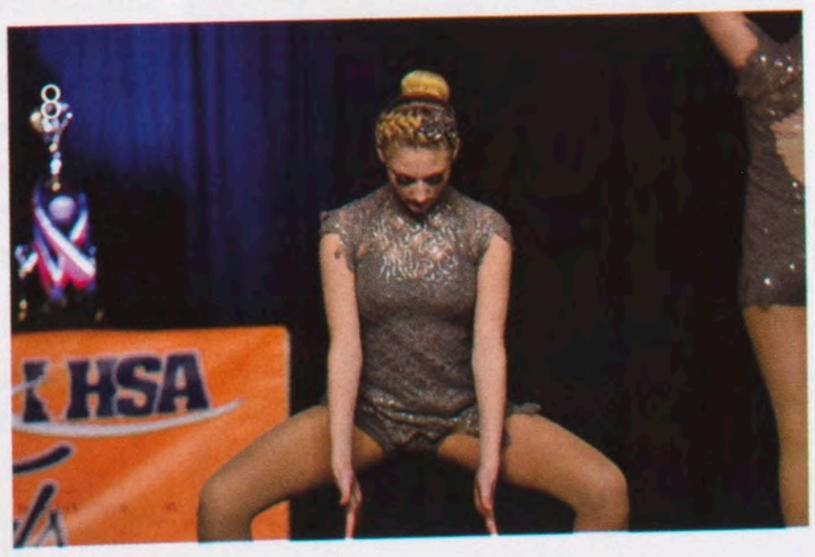
IHSA has only offered dance for five years; this means the U-High team has made it to state every year possible. Laurie Merriman is their coach, and she has an extensive dance career. The team performed well at state placing 16th out of the 30 teams. There are 120 teams that compete for a spot at the state tournament across Illinois. With five seniors this year, the team was very strong and had an array of talent. Their state dance featured Sadie Cole's toe touch, partner lifts that added a layering effect, and a chair lift. "We didn't have anyone that stood out as the best dancer on the team or someone who had to put in a lot of extra work to be on the same level as everyone else," said Julianna Heptinstall. "We were all very strong dancers who had an amazing range of tricks and are very skilled in all areas."

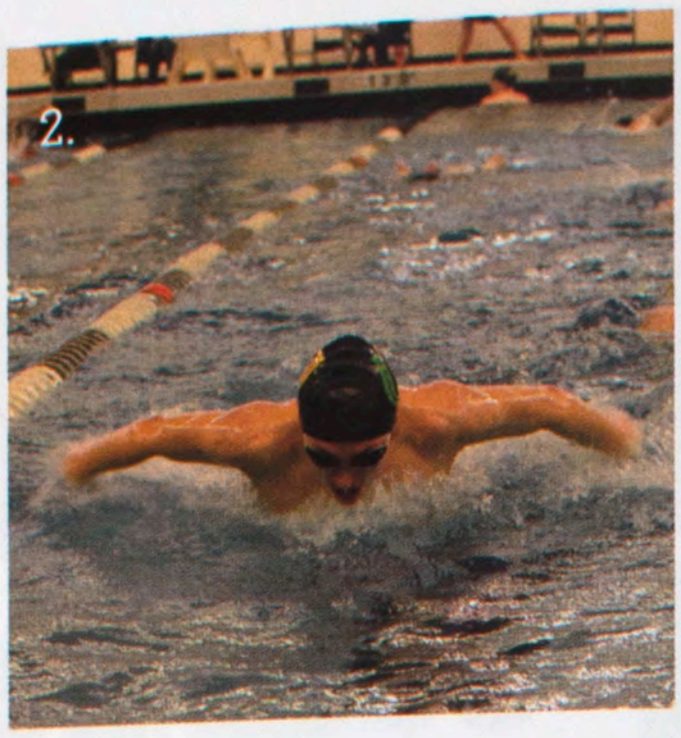
When post season came around, the girls started to see what they could do to keep improving. "Before post-season, the seniors gathered the team and talked about what our team goals were and what we wanted to do to accomplish them before state," said senior Megan Wittman. Setting goals to accomplish before competition helped the team achieve what they did.
The team not only performed at competitions, they also danced at football games, basketball games, and pep rallies. "I personally enjoy dancing at pep rallies because the dances we do are just fun. We enjoy doing them while pumping up the crowd too," junior Julianna Heptinstall said. Heptinstall took the role of junior captain this year and will be leading the team next season. Although it was a good season, senior Grace Telling is sad that it's over. "I'm going to miss the friendships I've made over the years. I will also miss having Laurie as a coach because she has taught me a lot of life lessons and pushed me to be my best."

Story by Quinn Johnson
Photos by Quinn Johnson, Becca Wagner

Giving Their All

5. Senior Grace Bryant getting ready to start her last performance as a U-High Pioneer at the state tournament.
6. The team showed off their teamwork with a successful chair lift that added a nice visual to the dance.
7. With a fierce presence, the team gets off to a great start at the state tournament.
8. The girls take their starting position including sophomore Sadie Cole.





Leading the Way

1. Captain Elijah Gray leads the team in a cheer before their Intercity victory.
2. Senior Kyle Johnson warms up his butterfly at Normal Community West High School.
3. Senior Elijah Gray flashes the U before winning the 400 freestyle relay at Intercity.

Making a Splash

With six returning state qualifiers this team was full of potential. Leading the way, seniors Elijah Gray, Simon Heinrich, and Kyle Johnson all had high goals for the season. "It was important to me to reach my goals because this was my last chance," Heinrich said. "I wanted to make one last sectional team, set a personal best in the 100 fly, and I wanted a sectional championship." He would go on to achieve all three. Gray was on the 400 Free relay which placed 11th at state and also had juniors Anthony Williamson, Colton Stogner and Johnson. "It was a memorable way to end my swimming career," Johnson said of his first state medal. Stogner also placed 5th in the 50 and 100 Fresstyle at the state meet. "It was a lot of fun with a great group of guys," Stogner said. Williamson, Johnson, and Stogner were joined by sophomore Josh Nepomuceno in the 200 freestyle relay which placed 11th in the state. Behind this team's success was the bond they shared for the sport. "You don't really notice who is an upperclassman and who is an underclassmen at practice, we're all just there to swim." Williamson said. The hours of hardwork put in was made easier with the team dynamic. "We all get along and know each other so well from spending so much time together," Gray said.

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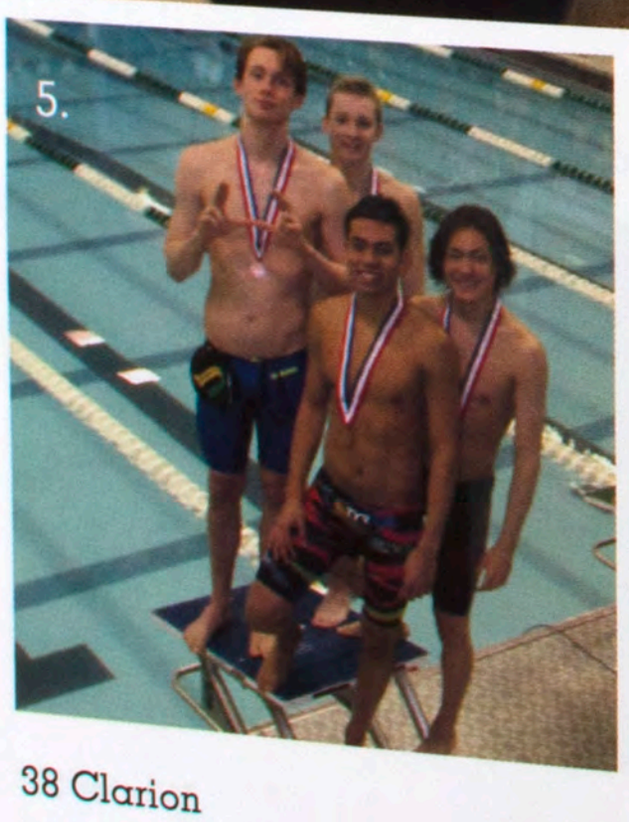
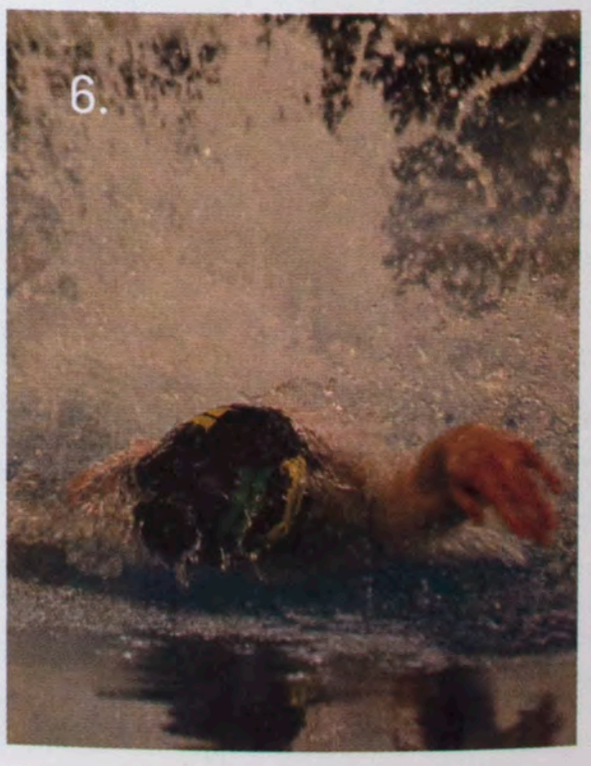


Swimming to State

4. Simon Heinrich pulls ahead on his breaststroke at Central Park Pool.
5. Kyle Johnson, Josh Nepomuceno, Anthony Williamson, and Colton Stogner with their 11th place state medals for the 200 Freestyle relay.
6. Sprinting to the finish, junior Colton Stogner gets his hand to the wall first during the 50 freestyle at the Intercity meet.
7. The state team shows off their state hardware while putting up the U.

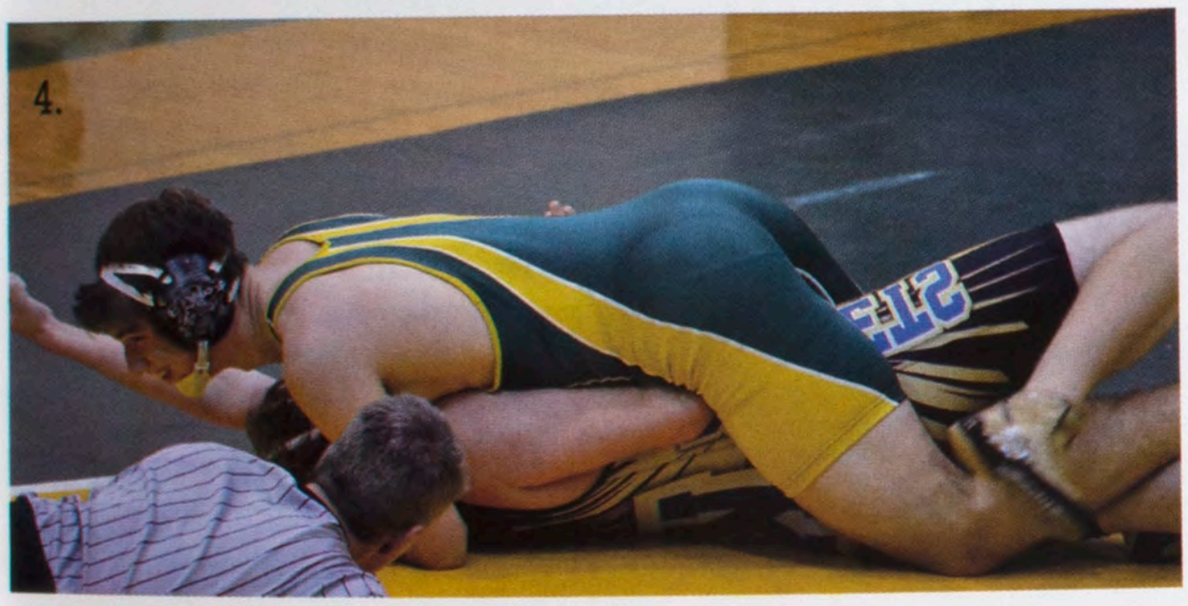


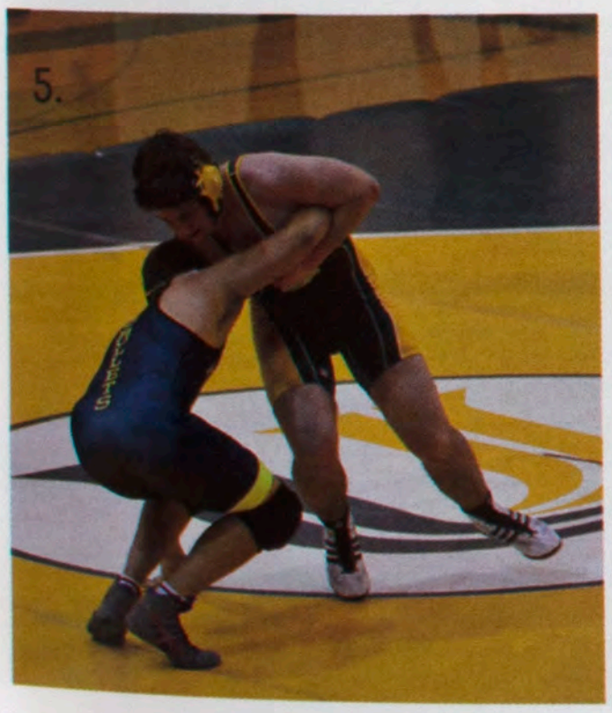
Pinning State

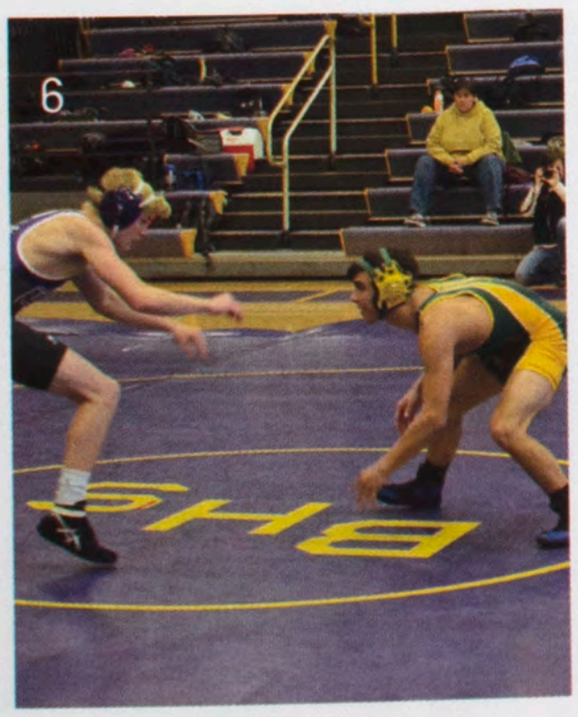
Coming into this season, senior Dylan Carey knew what he wanted to do.
"I had my goals set," Carey said. "I wanted to place at state this season and knew what I had to do to get there."
He accomplished his goal by placing 5th at state. However, he was not alone. Senior Packard Otto also made it to state this season, making it the second time they have gone to state together.
"It really helped having someone there with you," Otto said. "We had been there before together and knew what it meant to each other to do well."
At state, Otto and Carey gave the performance of their lives. Carey beat his opponent 6-2 allowing him to wrestle for 5th place.
"The boys gave one-hundred-and-ten percent," head coach Mike Troll said. "I couldn't be more proud of them, they really gave it everything they had."
The boys attributed a lot of their success to the team. The team this year was filled with a varation of talent, and skilled wrestlers. All of the athletes on the team helped Carey and Otto be successful at state and lead to a successful season overall.
"I worked with quick guys like Zach Franz to help with my speed," Otto said. "We were really lucky to have such a diverse group of wrestlers, it really helped us work on our weak points."
Luckily, there was a large variety of talent in the wrestling program which allowed every wrestler to perform at a high level.

Story by P. Lake Williams
Photos by Drew Johnson and Dylan Panizo

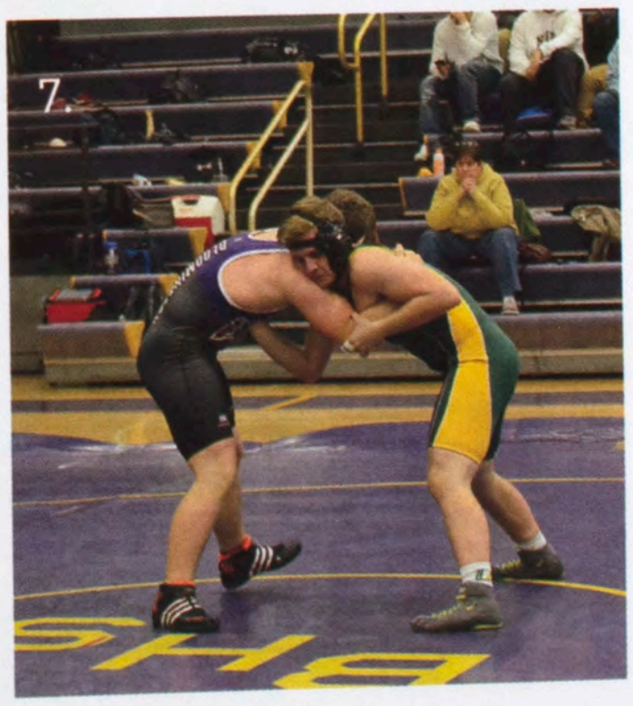
Going Strong
1.Looking to make his move, senior Josh Henderson waits patiently.
2.At the Intercity meet, senior Zach Gocker looks for a take down.
3.Ranked second in state, senior Packard Otto beats Knoxville opponent.

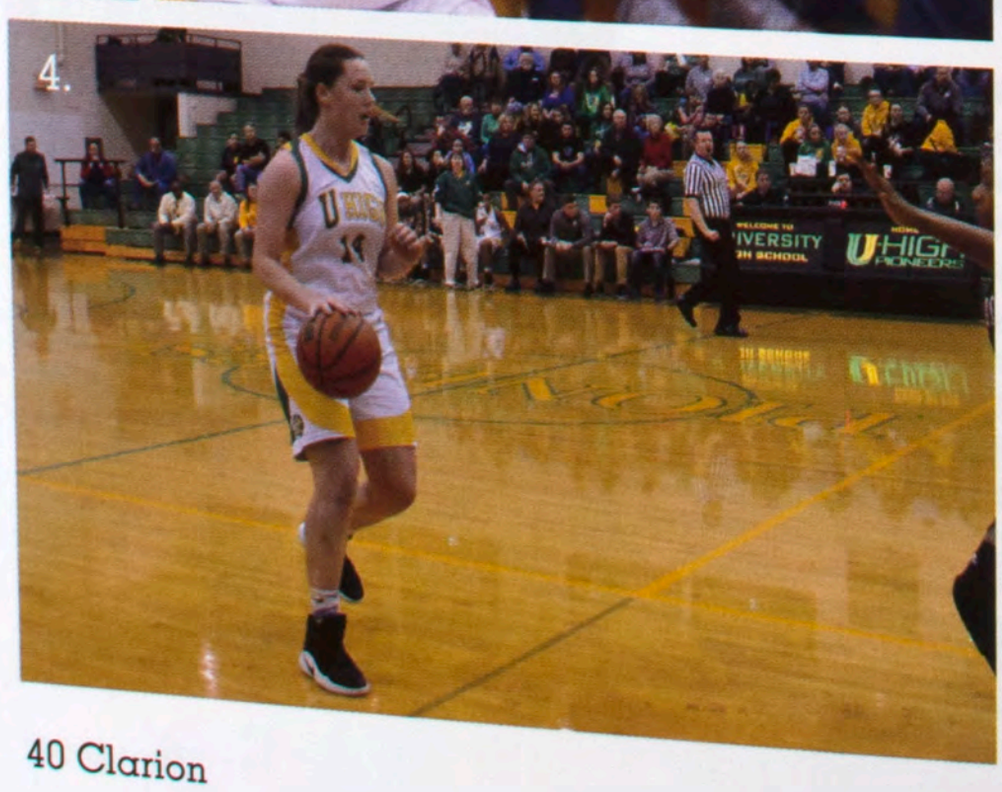






Making Moves
4.Pinning the competition, senior Tyler Hanson smiles in victory.
5.Junior Eddie Kelso prepares for take down from opponent.
6.Senior Dylan Carey looks to make a move on Bloomington opponent.
7.Getting wrapped up, senior Parker Alexander breaks free from Bloomington opponent.





Tradition of Success

This season proved that the girl's basketball program is strong beyond its players. The team bonded through a great coach, and success is all credited to team play. The girl's basketball program has been one of the strongest teams at U-High for years now, and this season continued the winning tradition through great coaching, and preparation. "We emphasize defensive intensity and team play in our program," head coach Laura Sellers said. The team lost five games all season; however, those five losses were accumulated against only two teams, Morton and Rochester. Sellers has coached many successful teams the past few years, but this team was different. "No one expected this team to be very good," Sellers said. The seniors, Raven Hughes, Jasmyne Lawrence, Amber Nanni, Jessica Baker, Jessica Huber, played a major role in the team's success as they played the bulk of the minutes. There were five seniors on the team, and many of these seniors have been in the program for multiple years. This season was filled with moments of historic success, such as a 20-point win over state-ranked St. Thomas Moore, and two wins over Peoria Richwoods, a team U-High has only beaten once before in its program history. In addition, the team competed in an exciting double overtime game in the Holiday Classic Championship against Morton. The team ended up losing, but gained experience. "I think that game was vital," junior Addy Loeffler said. "It showed us that we could compete with the best team in the state." Although the team did not achieve their final goal, the season was a successful one. "We accomplished a lot as a team, but I was devastated only losing to two teams," senior Raven Hughes said. The team's postseason run came to an end against Morton High School, the team who would go on to win a third straight state championship.

Story by Dylan Panizo
Photos by Billy Mote and Emanuel Bada

Fundamentals

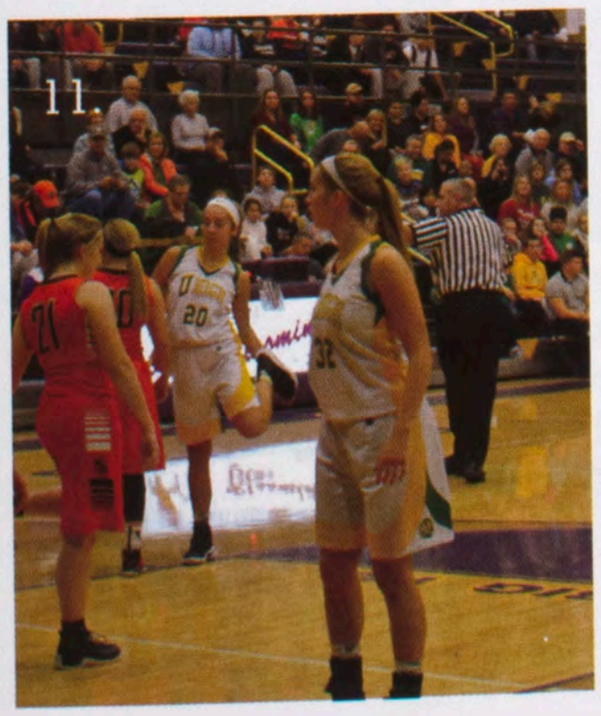
1. Eyes down the court, senior Raven Hughes looks to pass to an open teammate.
2. Junior Kimmy Sendelbach plays hard defense against Rochester as coach Laura Sellers looks on.
3. In triple threat position, senior Jessica Huber waits for the play to develop.
4. Dribbling up the floor senior Amber Nanni attempts to blow by her opponent in a game against Peoria Richwoods.
5. Junior Addy Loeffler releases a free throw in a game against Peoria Richwoods.

Selfless Basketball

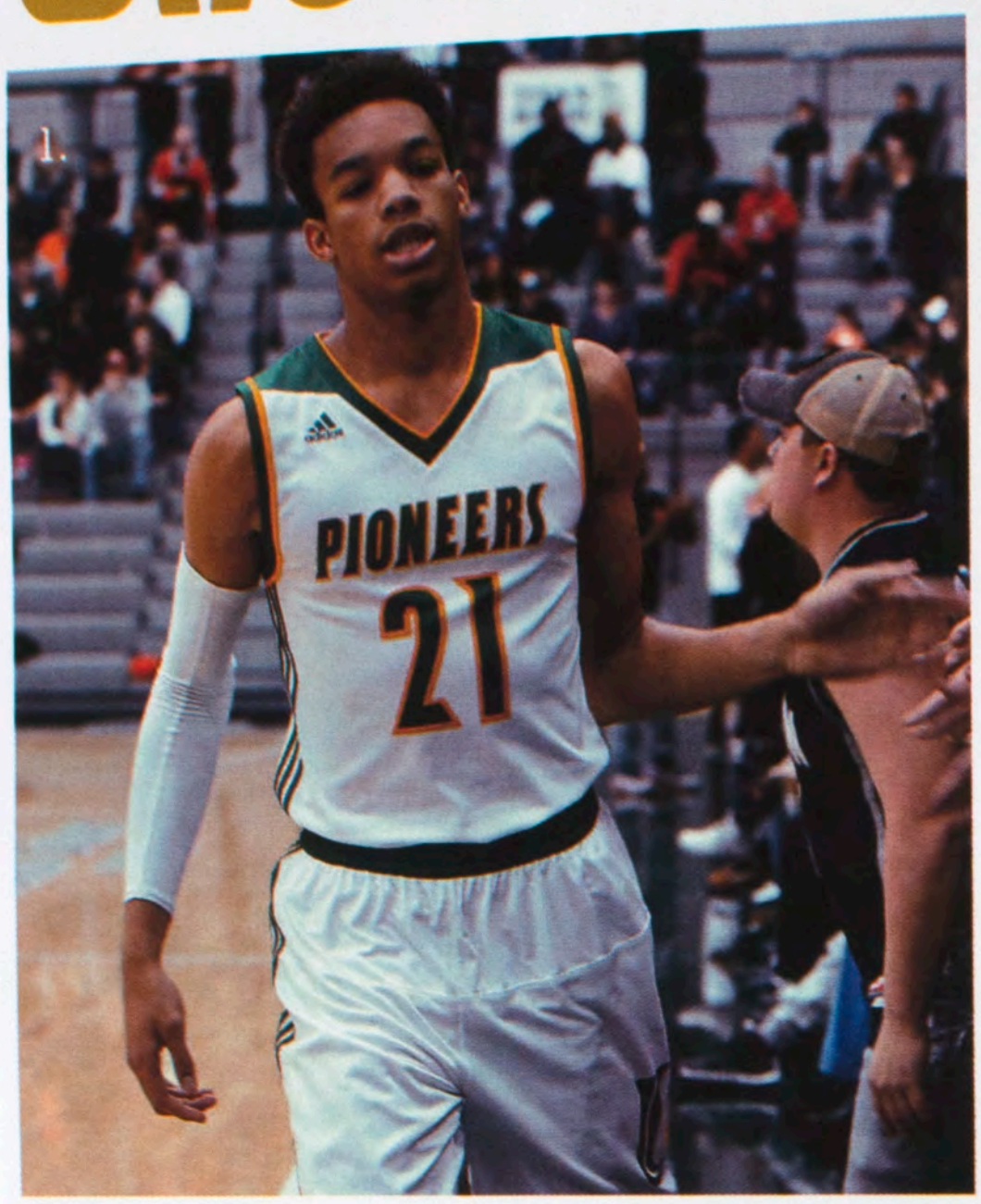
6. Senior Jasmyne Lawrence pushes the ball up the floor in a critical regular season game against Rochester.
7. Team chemistry was key to this season's success. This is very evident as the team rallies around Coach Laura Sellers.
8. In thriple threat position senior Jessica Baker looks for an open teammate at conference game against Mahomet.

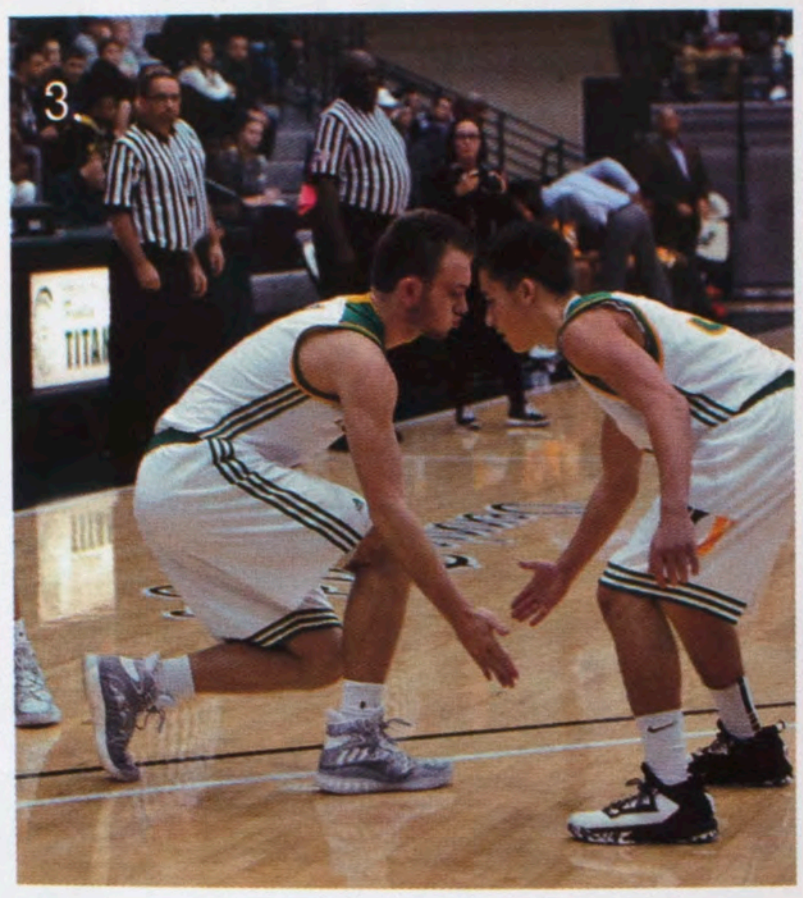
Hard Work on the Hardwood

9. The team seems to be in good spirits as seniors Amber Nanni and Jessica Huber drive the ball up the court.
10. Surveying the court, Raven Hughes looks for an open teammate against Rochester.
11. Lining up for an inbounds play, senior Jessica Baker and junior Addy Loeffler prepare to get open in an intercity game against Normal Community.
12. Junior Kimmy Sendelbach plays defense with high intensity against Rochester, a team that has become one of U-High's non-conference rivals.



One Last Ride





Leaving a Memory

1. Senior Myles Aldridge high fiving the U-Crew at this year's Holiday Classic.
2. The senior starting five in a huddle at Illinois Weslyan University.
3. Senior Jake Armstrong going down low with sophomore Trey Mortimer.
4. Coach Andrew McDowell giving senior Keondre Schumacher a word of advice.

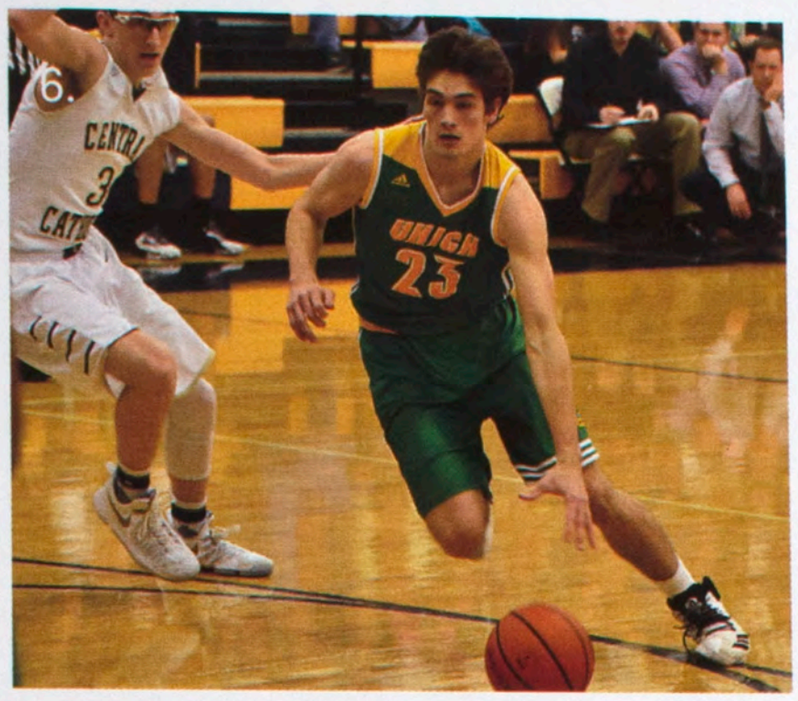
The U-High Pioneers basketball team stared adversity in the face this season. With an overall record of 16-12, the Pioneers were led by a starting five consisting of all seniors, making it to the first 3A Regional Championship in school history. Although the Pioneers fell short in the final game, senior captain and Winthrop University-bound point guard, Keondre Schumacher, believes that they had the best lineup the school has had in the last couple of years. "I felt like we had the most talent overall out of all the four years I've been here," Schumacher said. "We just had to put it all together." Schumacher believes that playing in the AAU circuit this last summer helped him bring some knowledge to the program."Competing and playing with those guys this summer really helped elevate my game," Schumacher said. "I was able to learn from them to make us a better team." The Pioneers finished with a conference record of 8-4, and although they didn't make it as far as they wanted, senior guard Nate Robinson says that he had a blast playing with his friends, and feels that they ended on a positive note. "We had pretty high expectations for ourselves going into this year," Robinson said, "We fell short of some, but overall it was a great experience." Senior starter Jake Armstrong believes that a lot of the team's success came from the U-Crew, and they made it a very fun season for the players. This was the last stage in Armstrong's basketball career, as he will be playing baseball next year at the University of Illinois-Springfield. "My main focus for this season was to have fun and enjoy it," Armstrong said. "The U-Crew made it easy for us, and hard for teams to come in and play their best." According to Robinson, the U-Crew was something special, especially later in the year. "They definitely made the big games bigger," Robinson said. "It's as simple as that." The season's value of team community was seen most when a life-changing cardiac event happened at practice to Kai Bates-Diop. The players rallied around Bates-Diop in support, making the season that much more meaningful. "Kai collapsing at practice was definitely a wake up call for us," Schumacher said, "it made everyone realize that this season is about much more than just basketball."

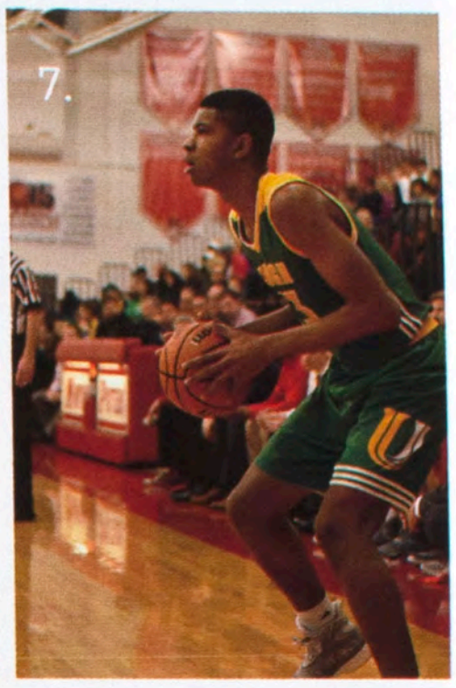
Story by Billy Mote

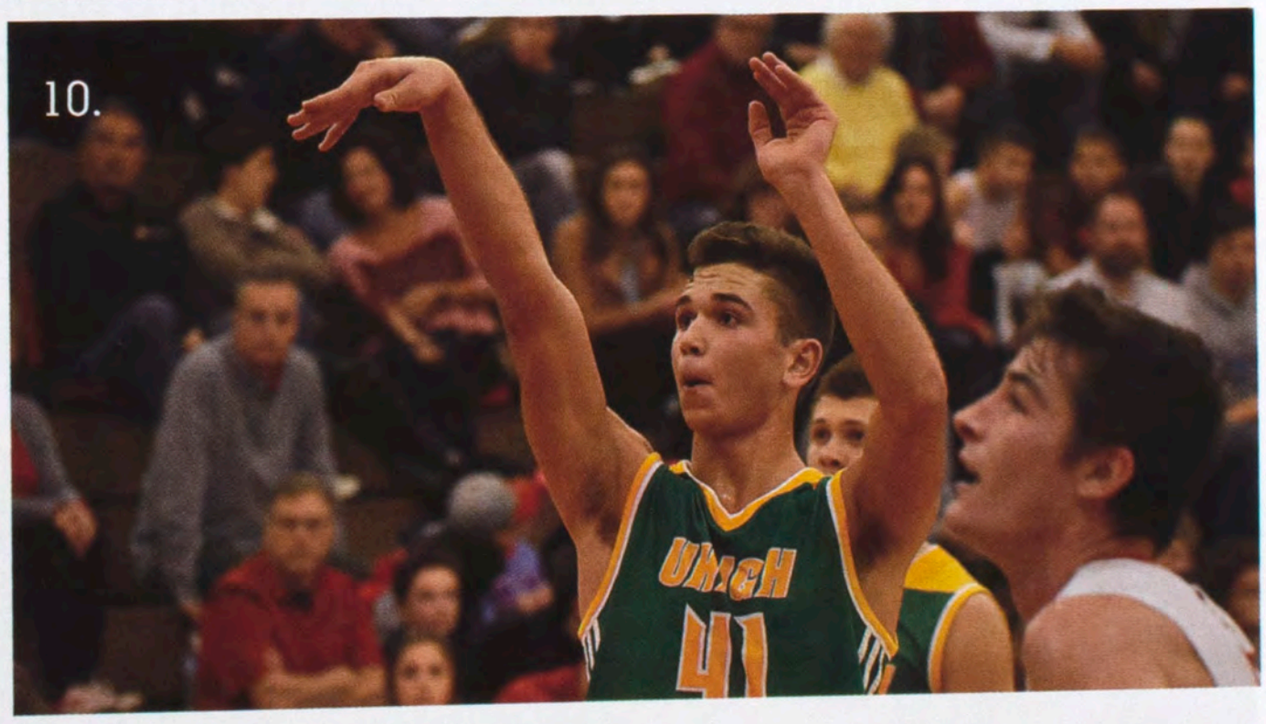
Pictures by Lake Williams and courtsey of Ryan Hardman

Bigger Than Basketball

5. Keondre Schumacher wears Kai Bates-Diop's number 13 in their game to honor him.
6. Senior Jack Martin drives into the lane against rival Bloomington Central Catholic.
7. Kai Bates-Diop sets up a three-pointer in the corner.







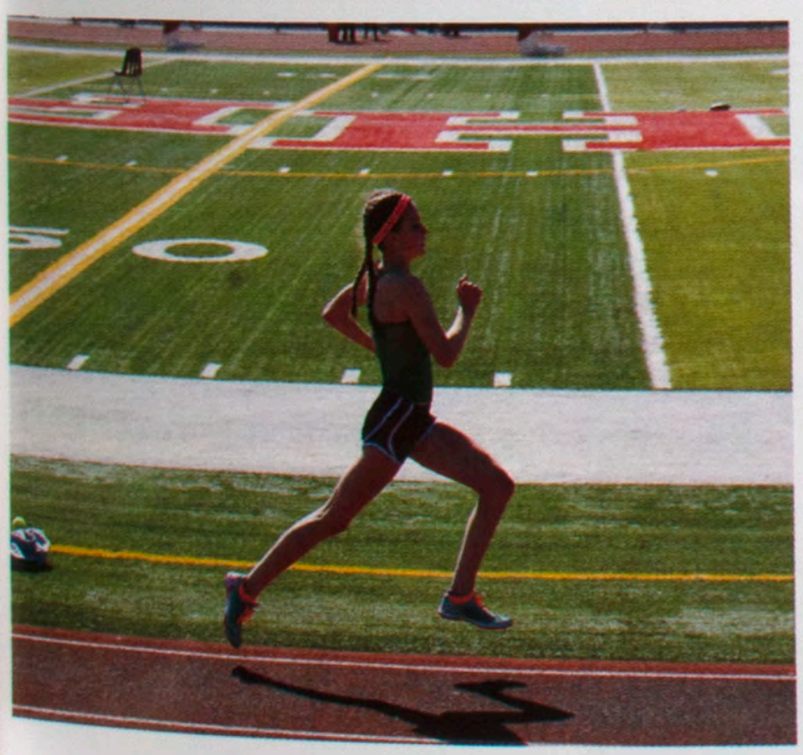
Making History

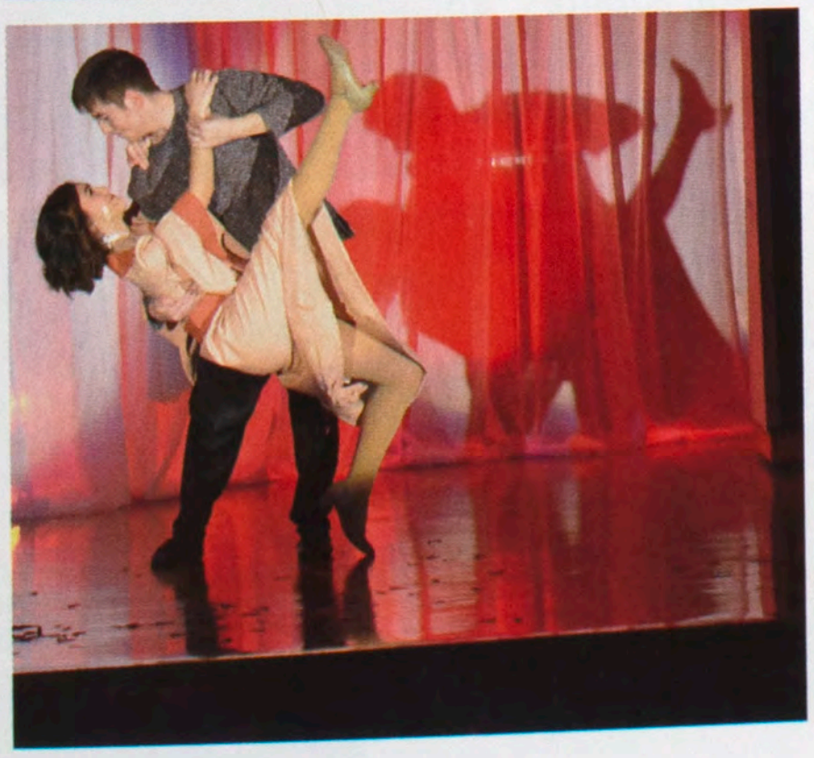
8. The starting lineup is announced during intercity at the Shirk Center.
9. Myles Aldridge hammers a dunk over defender against Mahomet-Seymour in a Corn Belt Conferennce Game.
10. Junior Mark Widdel will be a key role in next year's lineup, as he sinks a free throw against Olympia.

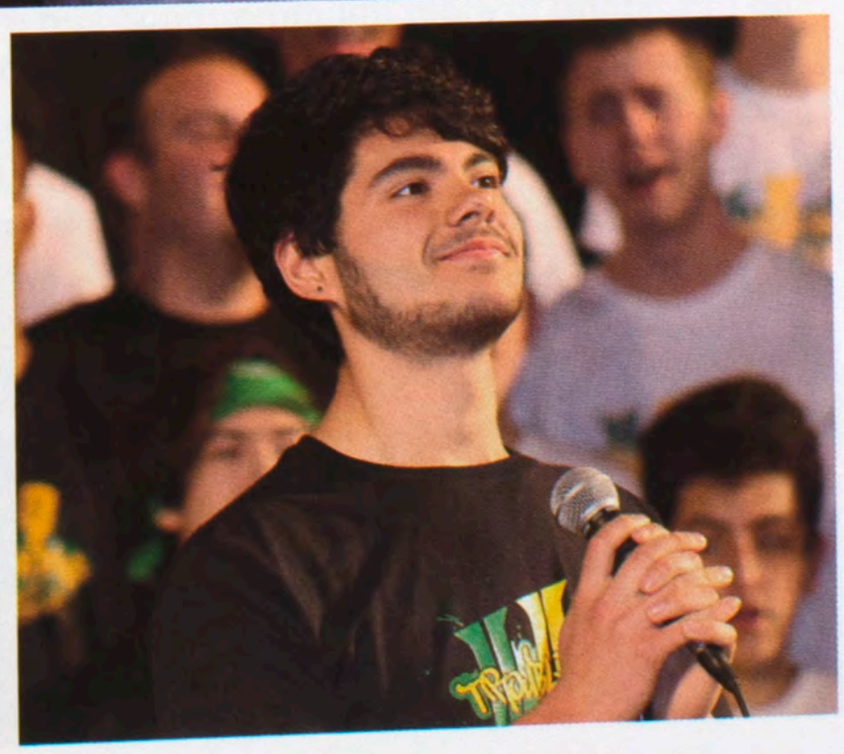
Spring

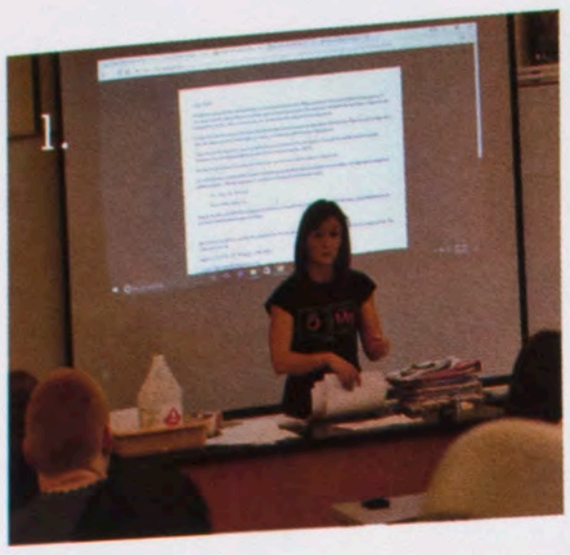
As the seniors get into their final semester they bond over their last team experiences and school activites with eachother. Through prom and the "Trouble Makers" concert the seniors had one last chance to celebrate the end of the year. Through the good and the bad of this year U-High will be missed and will always be a part of who we are.

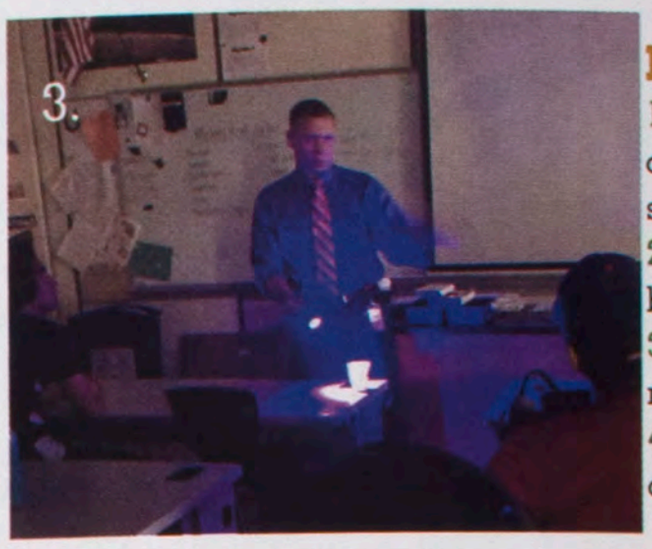
"It was a great way to end our last chorus concert and the theme really matched our class's personality," senior Joke Adanri said.
"I enjoyed all the end of the year activities," senior Sydney Light said. "I think it was more exciting than sad. I liked being a senior in our last production because I have alot of wisdom to share it was amazing to lead the other kids, and it was the most fun I have had in the U-High theatre," senior Emily Rodriguez said.











Beyond the Classroom

1. In accelerated chemistry Jessica Michael discusses a lab on electrochemistry with her students.
2. Coach Hayley Sefton leads P.E. students in a beloved unit at U-High; the dodgeball unit.
3. A detective from the ISU police department made an appearnce during chemistry.
4. While not in the gym, Sefton is the head coach of the girls soccer team.

Becoming U-High

Two new U-High teachers have been welcomed into the U-High family this year. Hayley Sefton was hired as the new Physical Education teacher to replace long-time teacher Vicki Morris. She teaches freshman P.E. and also Activities. Diving into U-High activities, Sefton is the head coach of the girls soccer team.

"I have seen first hand Sefton's passion for the game and her players. She is willing to do anything to make her team succesful and make the experience fun for everyone," senior soccer captain Elena Hollingsworth said. "This same attitude is why Sefton is capable of making her P.E. class engaging for every student, no matter their skill level. We are so happy to have her as a part of th U-High community."

Also joining the U-High community this year is Jessica Michael. She is passionate about chemistry and took on the role as the AP Chemistry teacher and the Accelerated Chemistry teacher. When applying to U-High, Michael admits to not knowing what expect when coming to here. She went to Google to do research to figure out what a lab school even was. However, throughout the first year here, Michael began to catch on to freedom and culture that makes U-High special.

"The students here have a sense of freedom that often allows them to mature and be comfortable with their teachers which is very unique," Michael said. "I appreciate this opportunity and being in the lab school format which allows immediate feedback from interns. It has been an experience."

The U-High community is grateful to have these two educators joining us. Although Ms. Michael is leaving to join her fiance in Indiana, we look forward to what Hayley Sefton will bring to U-High in the upcoming years.

Story by Megan Wittman
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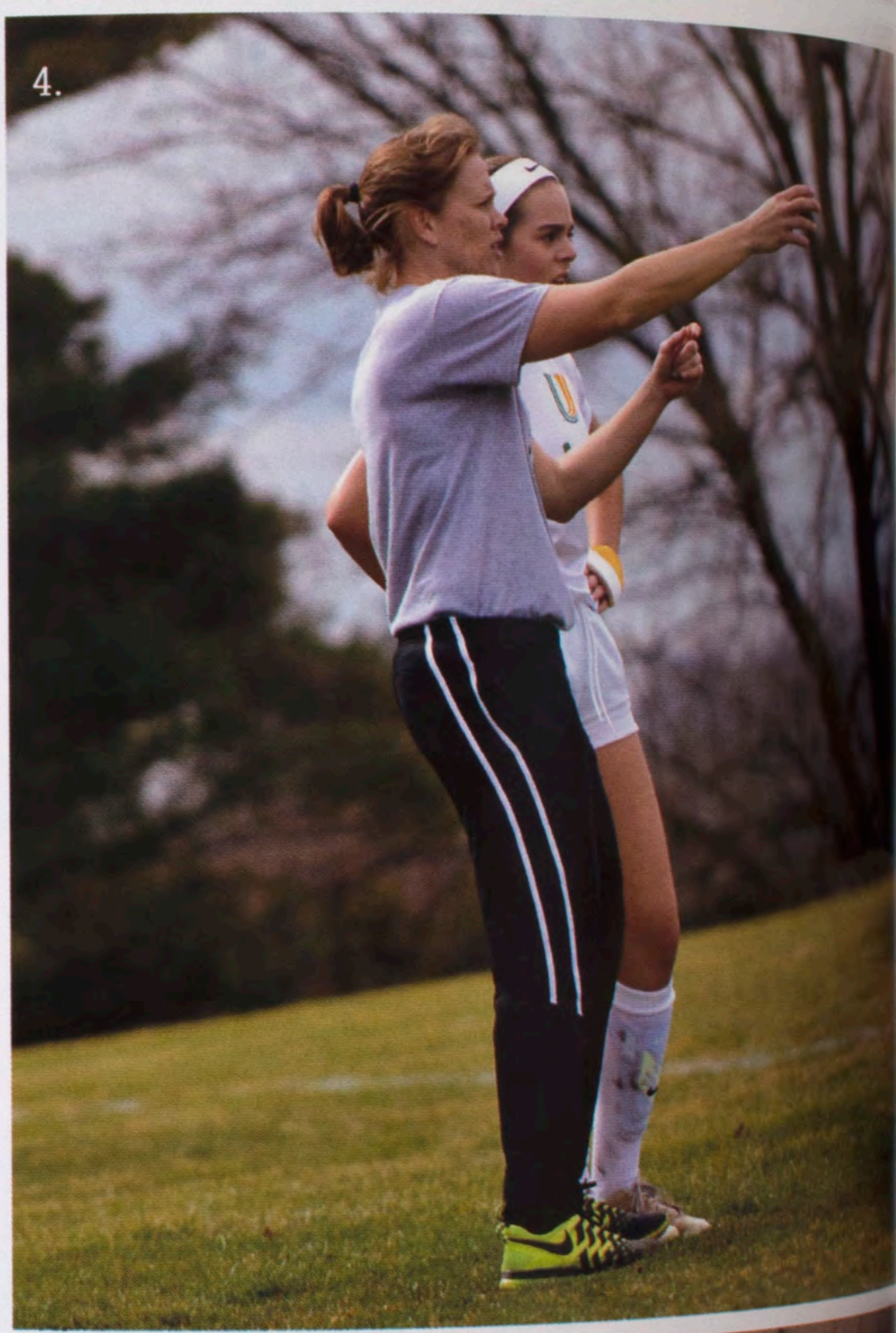
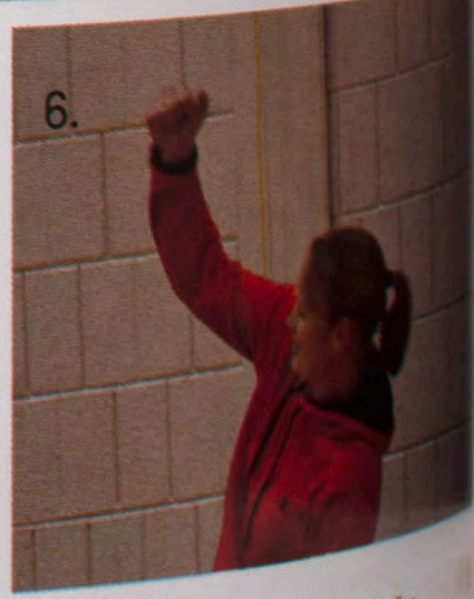
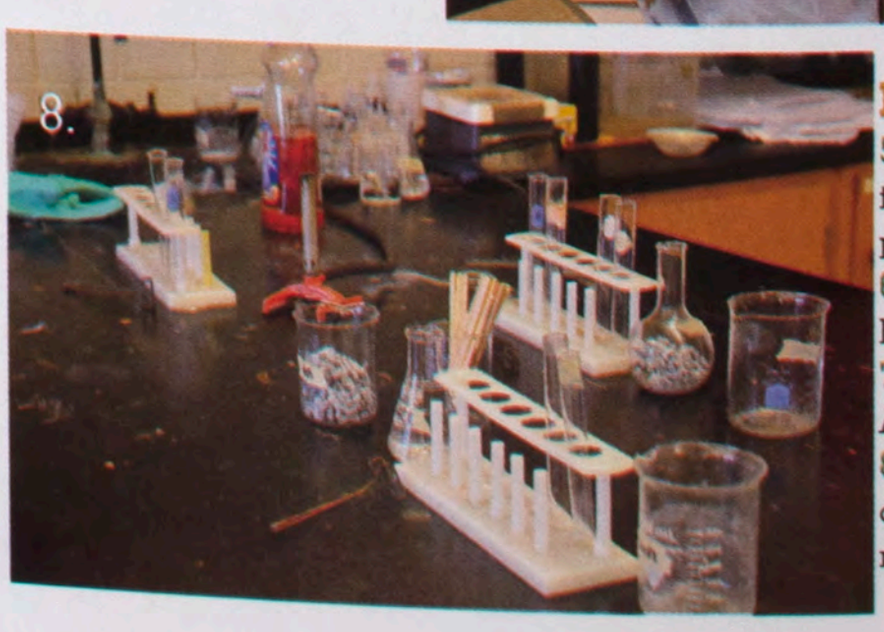


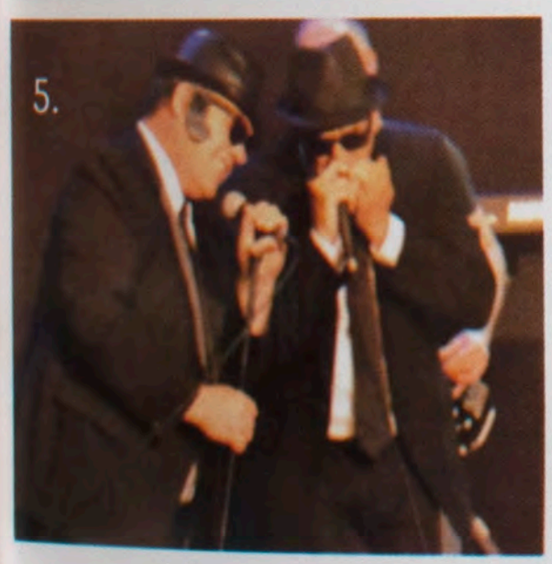


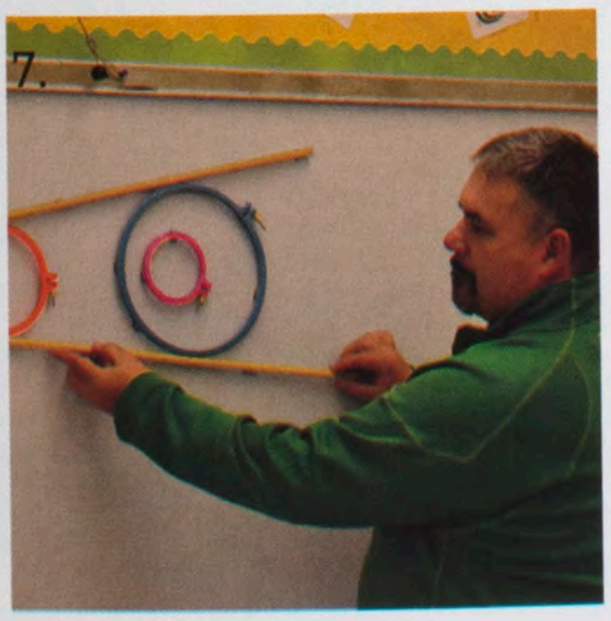


Harnessing Interested Students

5. Senior AP Chemistry student Sydney Lighty shows off the fingerprint she lifted during the detective presentation.
6. Always interacting with the students, Hayley Sefton has fun getting students enthused about class.
7. Coach Sefton high fives three -year team member Advika Kamatar as she comes off the soccer field.
8. "Labs are a way to deepen the understanding of chemistry principles by providing students with a visual reference," Jessica Michael said.

Through these halls...
1. Mike Sondgeroth wore the mantle of "coach" for countless games. 2. In 2014, Sondgeroth announced the name of his youngest graduate, Erin Sondgeroth. 3. "Sondy" was the voice of the Redbirds and Pioneers. 4. Sondgeroth "bet" the '00 girls' volleyball team a head shave if they won their 2nd state championship. They won, much to a young Morgan Sondgeroth's dismay; she burst into tears when her father picked her up from school. .





Final Farewells...
5. Mike Sondgeroth surprised more than a few people by shaving his goatee to appear as part of the Blues Brothers duo at Class Night 2016.
6. Making a final appearance, Sondgeroth joined the faculty band on stage for Class Night 2017.
7. "Final" took on multiple meanings as Sondgeroth held his last review session for the 2016-2017 school year.

Voice of the "U"

"Leave a legacy you can be proud of," was the final remark Michael Sondgeroth gave to seniors at the rehearsal for Class Night. Sondgeroth is not only a wonderful husband and dad to his three U-High alums, but he is also a legend in the U-High family. "He is like the historian of U-High. Him leaving is going to be a loss of the perspective of history," principal Andrea Markert said. Sondgeroth will be hanging up the record for the teacher with the most years at U-High, but don't let that fool ya; he did not spend all his time in the classroom. For 32 years Sondgeroth took on the role of coaching girls and boys sports teams, class night director, graduation master of ceremonies, and created U-Build, a volunteer organization that has built several houses in Haiti. He even appeared as a coach and father in a few of U-High's musicals, including "Footloose" and "High School Musical." Sondgeroth began his legacy in 1983 when he was a TCH student under Mr. Eckhet for the math department. He was later hired in 1985 as a math teacher and part of the coaching staff for the football, wrestling, and baseball teams. "I didn't even think I would get the job," Sondgeroth said. He went on to become the assistant girls basketball coach. Sondgeroth's participation during Homecoming dress up days was always a sight to see. "He always has the best math clothing," Markert said. "One I remember is the nursing home day; he plays that to a tee." Sondgeroth dedicated not only his life to U-High but his voice as well as he announced graduation after graduation and game after game. "He's a huge part of the pep rallies," activities director Wendy Smith said. The freshmen could always count on him to lead them in singing "I'm a little Teapot" at the Homecoming pep rally. "He makes things fun," sophomore Jordan Lawrence states. His voice could also be heard carrying across Horton Field for each football and powderpuff battle. He spent a lot time in that press box. Initially, Sondgeroth did not major in math at college but in communication, with the dream of becoming a commentator in the big leagues. U-High benefitted for years from his experience in both fields. Perhaps nowhere has Sondgeroth left more of an imprint on U-High memories then Class Night 2016, when he created his legendary performance of The Blues Brothers. "The highlight that night was when he and Mr. Landes dressed up as the Blues Brothers," junior LeeLanda Brewer said. Sondgeroth is a teacher who has touched everyone's life in some shape or form; he will not be forgotten. "I don't think you replace Mike Sondgeroth; his personality is too big," assistant principal Steve Evans said.

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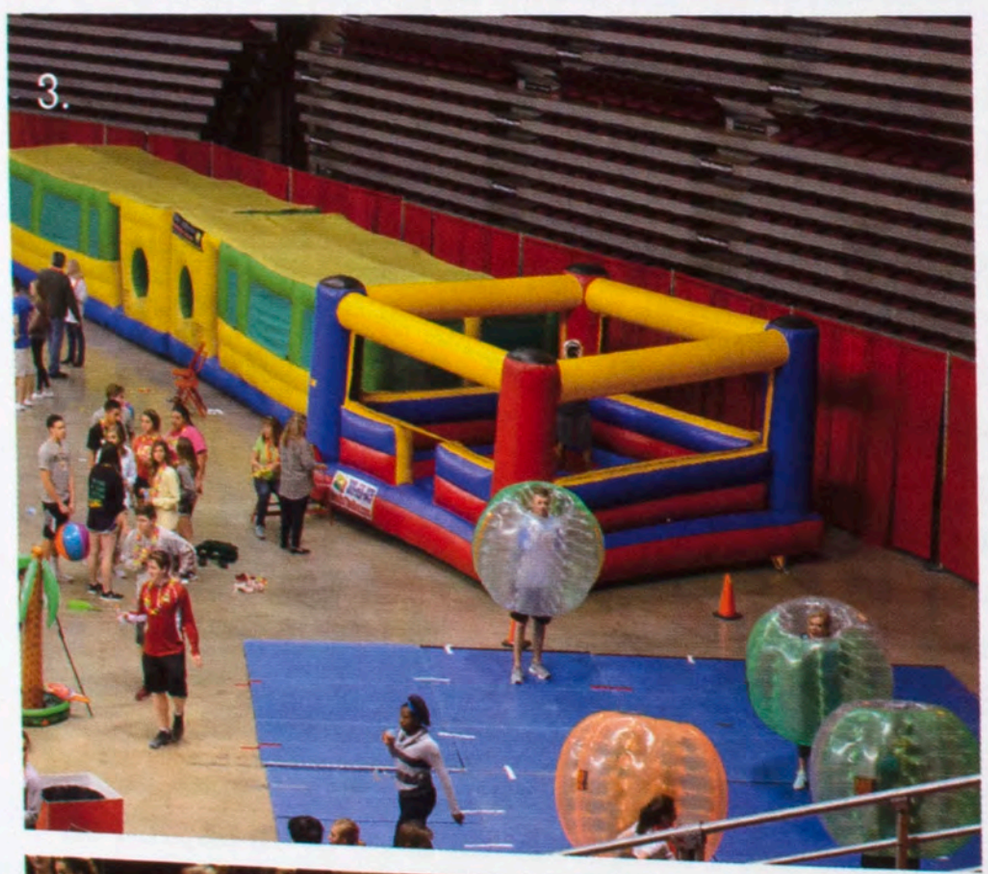
Far Far Away



As the year wound down, the juniors and seniors enjoyed a night at their Star Wars-themed prom. Although the weather was less than ideal, the students didn't let it get them down. They showed up looking their best in beautiful dresses and dapper suits. The juniors did a great job planning the theme and decorations such as dark purple and blue balloons and stars filled the stage at Grand March to represent a galaxy "Far Far Away." Grand March allows parents and friends to see everyone at prom: the outfits and the dates. After a suspenseful wait watching everyone walk across stage, the prom king and queen were revealed. Sam Fansler and Deanna Trosino took home the crowns. "Winning was a completely unexpected event for me," Deanna Trosino said. "I could not be more grateful for experiencing it because I saw how much of a family our school is through how kind everyone was".

The night continued as everyone danced to their favorite songs at the ISU Bowling and Billiards Center before heading to After Prom. There, the students were greeted with a lei to go along with the Hawaiian theme. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, competitive games, and a few rounds of cash cab featuring questions that only a true Pioneer would know. After Prom also featured giant inflatable games, a rock wall from Upper Limits, poker, badminton, and a table with raffle tickets to many different stores and restaurants. The food provided was Buffalo Wild Wings, Fusion Brew, Maui Wowie smoothies, candy, and pizza.

Eventually it was time for the hypnotist show, a part of After Prom that students look forward to every year. If you're quick enough to run on stage and grab a seat before anyone else, you just might have a chance to get hypnotized. It was said that Megan Wittman was the star of the show with her comedic acts on stage. "I don't remember exactly what happened but after seeing videos that my friends took I think I looked pretty crazy," Wittman said.

Once the hypnotist show ended, the students went home after an exciting night. For the seniors, it was very nostalgic knowing that this was one of their last events as a U-High family.

Story by Quinn Johnson
Photos by Jasmyne Lawrence

Fun Times with Friends

1. The rock wall was a challenge, but Jess Huber managed to make it to the top.
2. Cassie Trosino, Claire Griffin, Joke Adanri, and Deanna Trosino test out the different foods.
3. Students had friendly competitions with the inflatable games and races.
4. Jumbo Jenga was a big hit for Sam Allen and his date.
5. Seniors Stephanie Parrott and Sarah Park enjoyed checking out all that after prom had to offer.

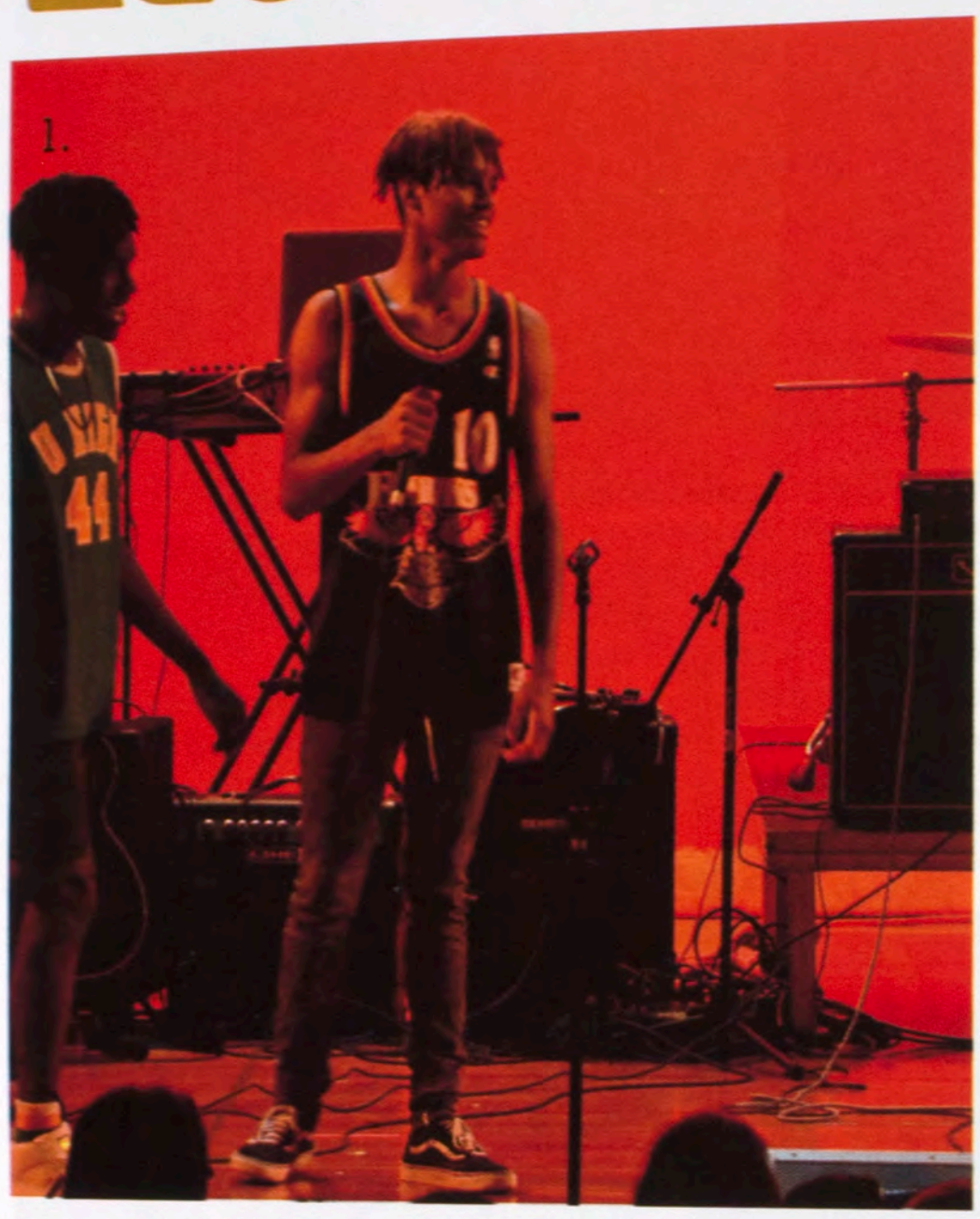
Pictures to Go Down in U-High History

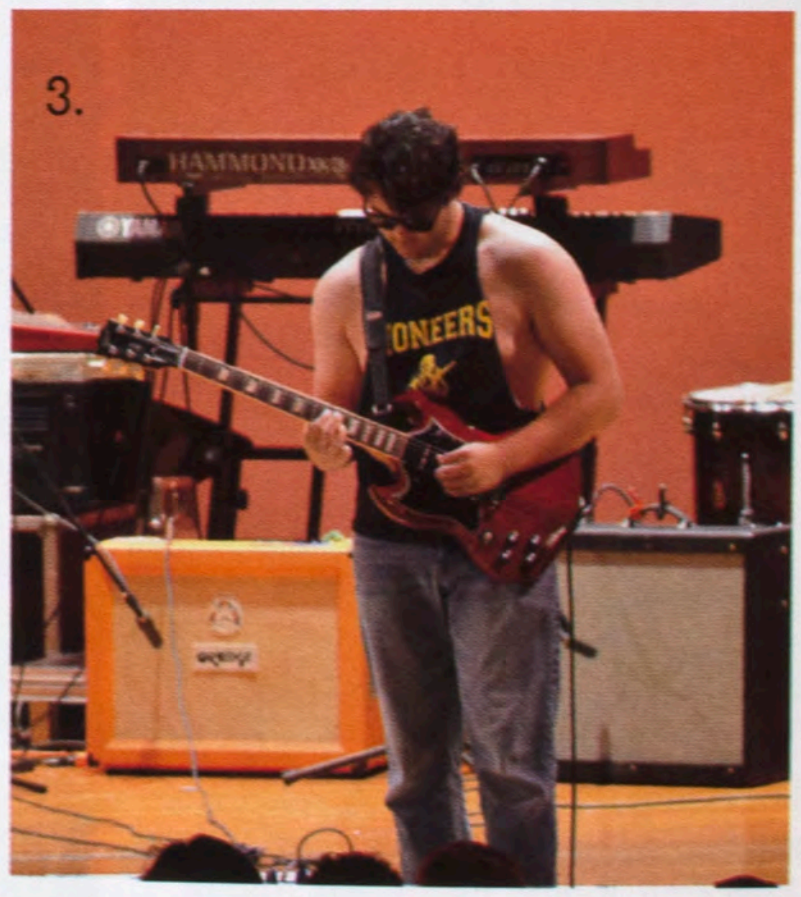
6. The students had fun learning all new casino games. Everyone loved learning and competing with each other to win.
7. These silly dress up hats seemed to fit Jamie Walling and Sydney Whitten's fun personalities.
8. Junior Brooklyn Mosely, senior Jasmyne Lawrence, and Kennedy Savage from NCHS capture a memory of the evening together.

Games Continue into the Early Morning

9. Seniors Nickolas Leathers, Megan Wittman, Austin Spaulding, Anna Rodriguez, Deontae Hawkins, Amber Nanni, Noah Schofield, Ellie Paul, Joshua Henderson, Aubrie Smith, William Mote, and Caroline McKinzie prepare themelves to get hypnotized on stage after running on stage to claim a spot.
10. Prom court nominees included seniors Logan Piker, Austin Spaulding, Elena Hollingsworth, Dylan Panizo, Queen Deanna Trosino, King Sam Fansler, Advika Kamatar, Brendon Bacon, Kaylee Birlingmair, Jack Martin, Caroline McKinzie, and Noah Franklin.
11. Running into each other full force, these inflatable balls were a huge hit, literally.

Last Class Night Ever





Jamming Out!

1. Seniors Grant Burrell and Javin Moore spinning lyrical webs on stage with their rap group, New Drip Radio.
2. The Class Night band energetically rocks out a rendition of Paramore's "Ain't It Fun."
3. Senior Lake Williams shreds a solo on his Gibson.
4. Singing her heart out, senior Drew Johnson is accompanied on guitar by senior Kevin LeMentec in a performance of "Let's Get it Started."

As the school year comes to a close, two things are on everyone's mind: finals and Class Night. Class Night is a show put on by the outgoing seniors that is full of comedy, comaraderie, and live music. To start off the show, a large group of seniors got up onstage and did an energetic dance, followed by the opening video. Videos are a longtime staple of Class Night that satirize life at U-High, with topics ranging from the ill-fated "Boat Club," to the perils of playing mat-ball in gym class. The seniors make all of the videos, including writing, directing, and editing them. The Class of 2017 certainly showed their comedic side, and no one was safe from being poked fun at, from administration to underclassmen. Interlaced between the videos is live music, performed by the many talented musicians in the senior class. Some of the songs played included "Starboy," "Heathens," and "Let's Get it Started." Great guitar playing, singing, and drumming made for an extraordinary performance, and the students showed it by singing along and cheering enthusiastically. Always looking to show their prowess, and possibly to one-up the student band, the faculty band played their hearts out. Teachers from all subjects sang, strummed, and drummed along to the song "We Are Family". The faculty also gets a chance to be in the spotlight by starring in videos made by the students, but they're definitely in for some embarrassing moments on camera if they do. Class Night ends on a more solemn note: the seniors are about to graduate. One last video plays, with all of the seniors waving their last goodbyes to the camera. Then, the outgoing seniors move up onto the stage, hugging each other and crying their eyes out. With that, the juniors take their place as the new seniors, and the slightly bewildered-looking eighth- graders file into the freshman seats. However, more than just the seniors were leaving at the end of the 2017 school year. Ms. Doellman, Ms. Michael, and Mr. Sondgeroth all said their farewells as well. Even with all of the goodbyes, the atmosphere is still one of happiness and family. Students then leave the auditorium and have a chance to say goodbye to all of their senior friends and classmates. Class Night is a fun night for the students, but more importantly, it is a celebration of the time spent at U-High.

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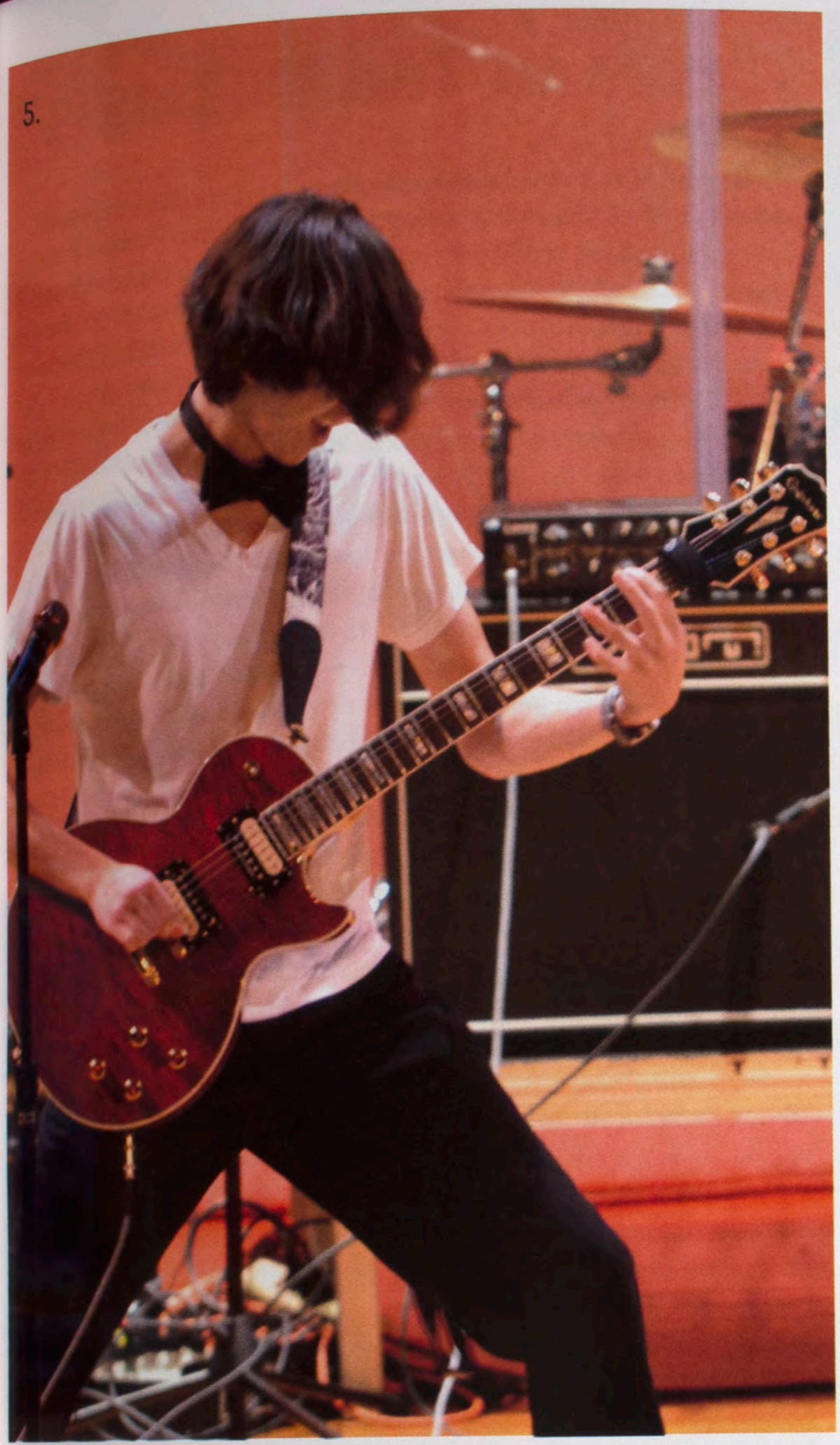
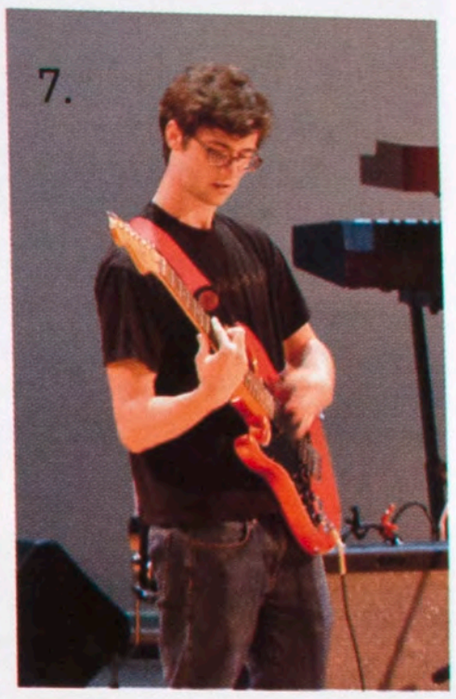
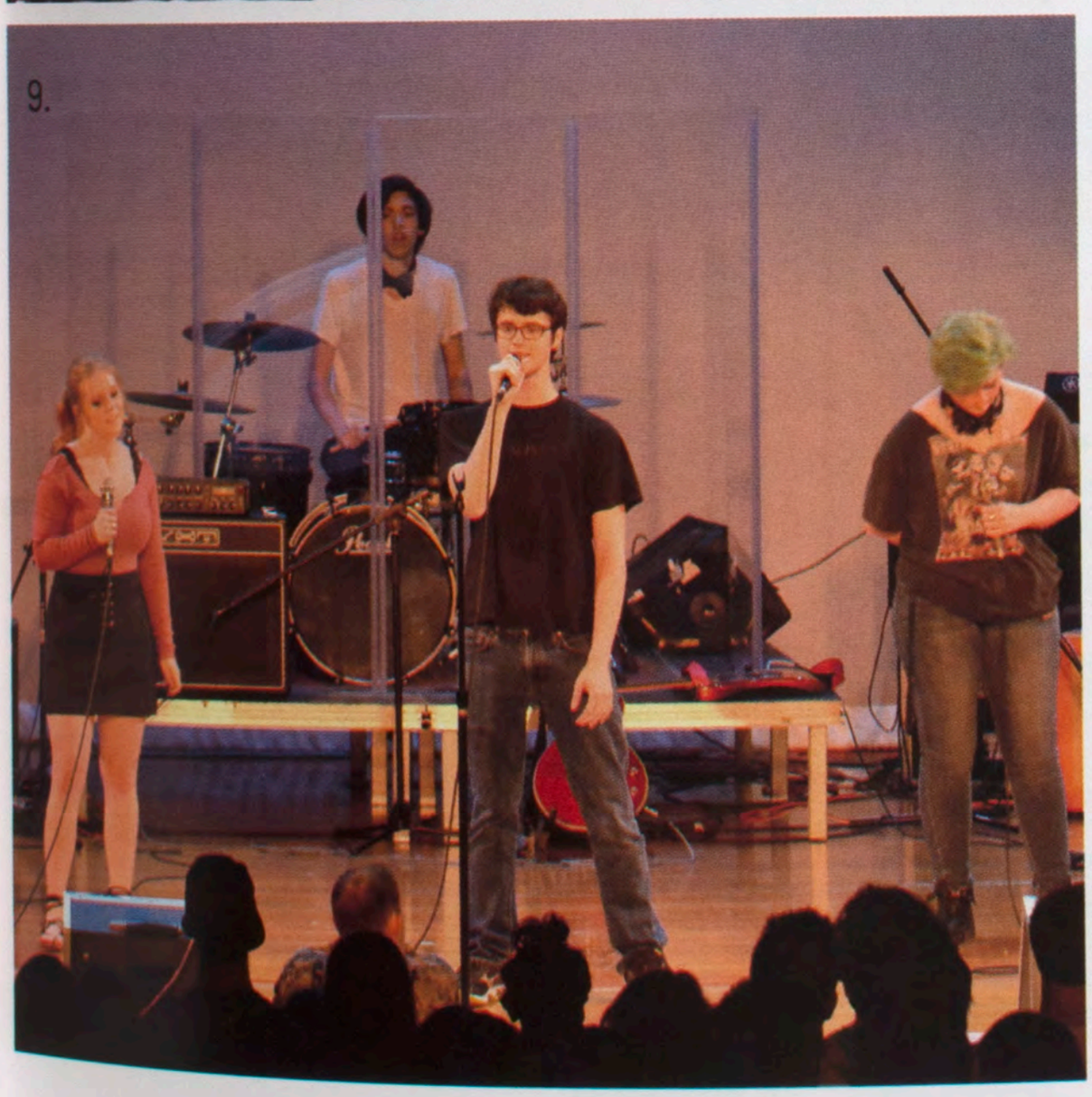


Strummin' and Drummin'

5. Senior Alex Walbert plays an explosive guitar solo in "Wake me up Inside," by Evanescence.
6. Seniors Drew Johnson. Rowan Scott, and Lake Williams perform their respective parts in "Starboy."
7. Senior Kevin LeMentec strums his guitar in "Let's Get it Started."



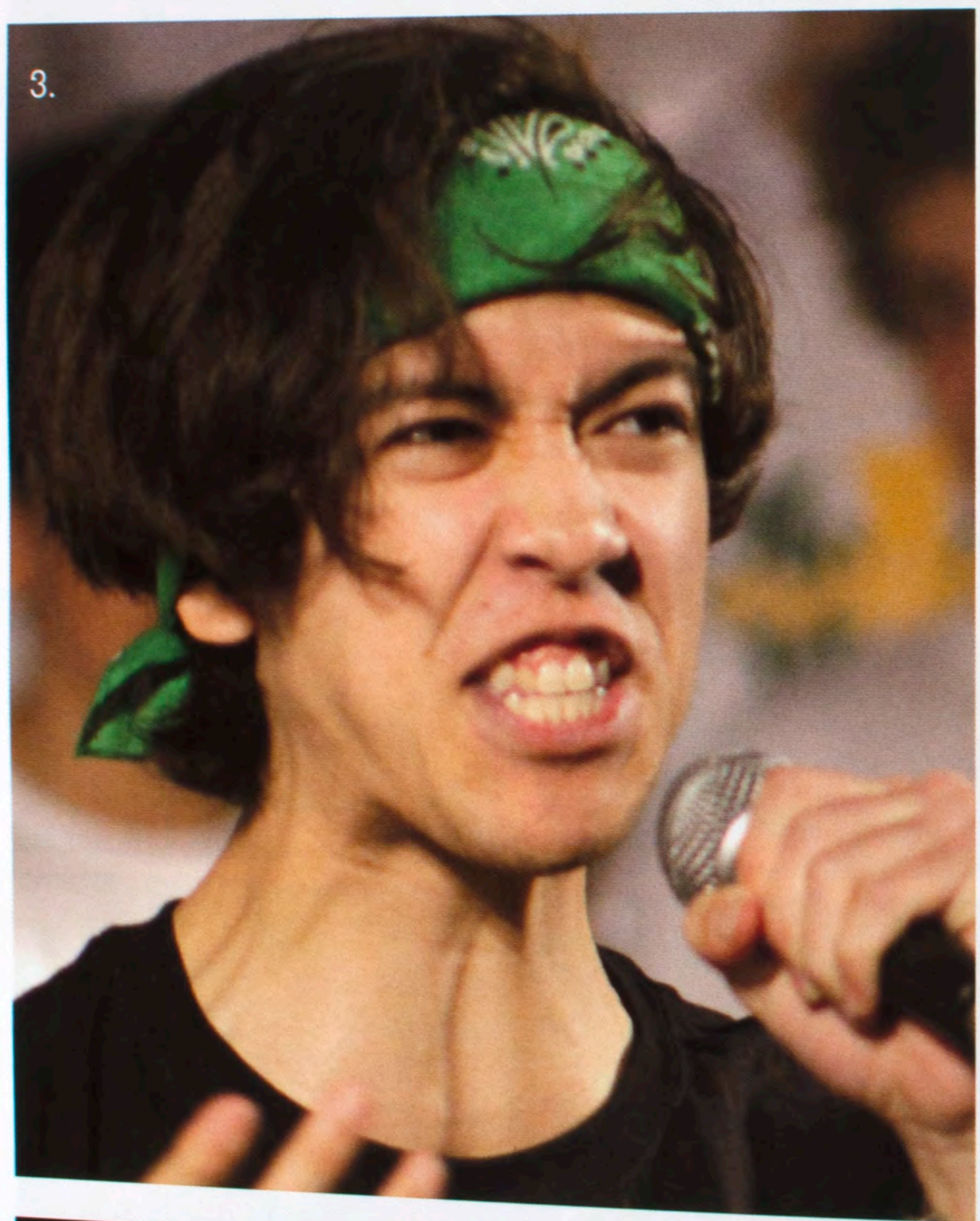


We Are Family

8. Senior Leah Taylor gets ready to sing "September" by Earth, Wind and Fire.
9. Seniors Kevin LeMentec, Drew Johnson, and Rowan Scott all on the vocals for "Heathens," by Twenty-One Pilots, with Senior Alex Walbert on Drums.
10. Kevin Beebe, Cory Culbertson, Emma Somers, and Chris Corpus all jam out to "We Are Family."

Together We Sing

1.Chorus I boys wear matching ties for the contemperary fall chorus concert.
2. Concert Choir performs the song Desh in the multicultural-themed concert
3. Senior Alex Walbert screams "kick it" during his solo, "Fight for the Right," at the senior chorus concert, whose theme was Troublemakers.



Treble In The Making

This year's choir students put on amazing concerts with the help of choir director Chris Corpus. Treble Choir, Chorus I and Concert Choir all work very hard to learn the challenges in music but also in teamwork to put on the best concerts possible. The fall concert features songs at random but include different languages and strong technique. The following is the winter concert and includes songs from cultures from around the world. The students and audience get to learn where each song originated, what the text means, and the style of how the music was written. The last concert of the year is the spring concert (commonly known as the senior concert) where each senior features in a solo. The spring concert follows a theme chosen by the senior choir students, and this year's theme was Troublemakers. This concert is the most attended because the songs are familiar, the seniors all sing, and it is a relaxed upbeat concert. This year, some of the songs featured include 'Bad' and also 'Smooth Criminal' by Michael Jackson, as well as 'I Knew You Were Trouble' by Taylor Swift.

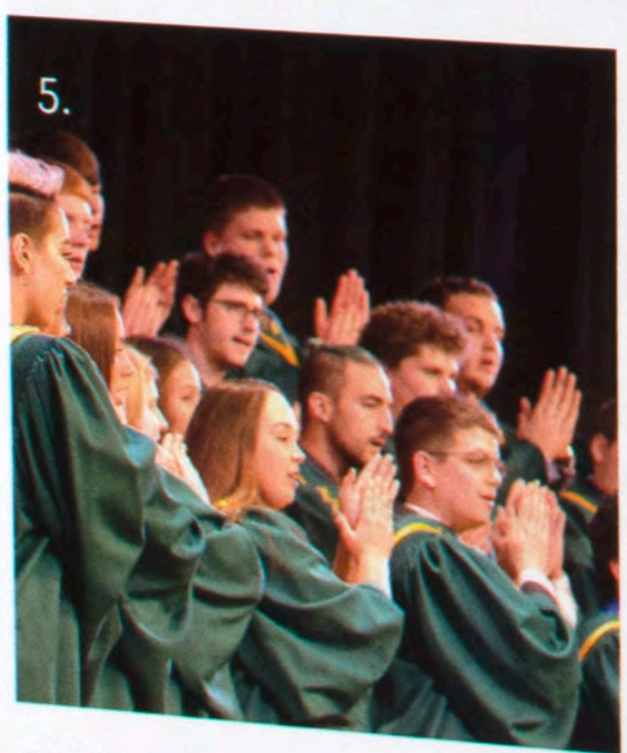
"I love going to choir and being challenged with the difficult music Mrs. Corpus gives us! It really helps my musician skills" senior Logan Piker said.

The highlight of this year was a trip to Disney World in Orlando Florida to study music with Disney directors and perform at the parks. These group of students work extra hard to succeed. This musical experience couldn't have been more rewarding.

"Being in choir has allowed me to expand my musical experience greatly alongside people who enjoy the same thing," senior Alex Walbert said.

Story by Drew Johnson

Photos by Grace Telling, Joke Adanri, and Hannah Kiefer



Rhythm and Jazz

4. Sleeping Beauty talks with freshman Lupita Echeverria.
5. Concert choir adds hand claps for rhythm in the mulitcultural concert.
6. Choir director Chris Corpus celebrates with senior Liana Pfister as she is given the school Choral Award.
7. Sophomore Ellie Landes sings an amazing solo with the extra-curricular singing group called Jazzin' the Evenin.

Serving It Up

In October of 2015, the Illinois High School Association voted to implement a two-class system in the following 2016-2017 season. Returning junior Josh Friesen and sophomores Thomas Moh, Dorath Chamarthi, and Carter Burk saw a chance to make another state appearance.

"As a team we were looking forward to this season because it was the first year of two-class tennis and we are in 1A," Friesen said. "The smaller class gives us an opportunity to finish with an improved ranking at state."

Because of the change, many athletes on the team set their sights higher. "I thought this season was going to be great," Chamarthi said. " My goal was to place top four at state."

Although the rule change gave the team a better chance to place higher at state, the boys knew nothing would be handed to them.

"I have put myself in the best position I could to reach my goal by really focusing on every match, and I could win every match even when I played people who had beaten me before," Moh said. "More than anything, I have been working a lot harder at practice and taking the season more seriously."

Having lost several seniors after last year's season, some of the players had concerns but managed to find the silver lining.

"Coming into the season I was pretty worried about our season because we lost two of our top three doubles players last year," Moh said. "But our team is really young and I knew we could all get better and develop as a team."

The young team achieved their goals and took 4th place at state.

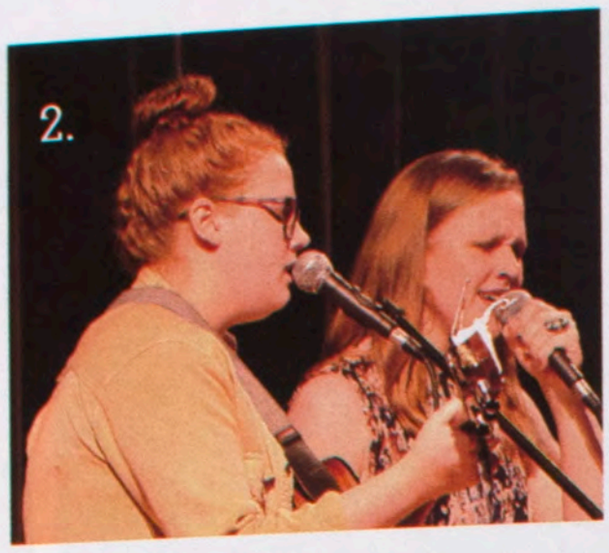
Story by P. Lake Williams
Photos by Sarah Park

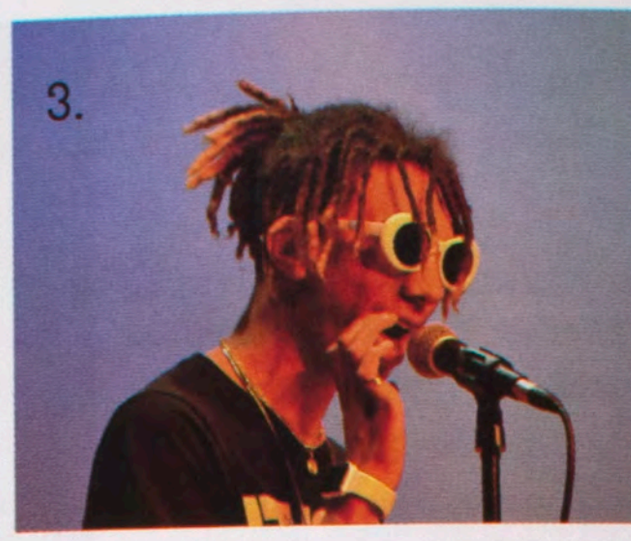
The Return

1. Returning the serve at Bloomington, junior Noah Litwiller keeps his eyes on the ball.
2. Reaching out to save the ball, junior Nathan Clay hits it back at Bloomington.
3. Giving his all, sophomore Carter Burk hits a great serve to his Bloomington opponent.

Serving Aces

4. Ready to return the serve, junior Josh Friesen gets low at the Bloomington courts.
5. Looking to score, sophomore Nathan Clay goes to return against his Bloomington opponent.
6. Serving to his opponent, junior Josh Friesen looks to win his doubles match.
7. Fighting it off, sophomore Thomas Moh tries to return the serve at the match at Wesleyan.





Drip, Drip, Splash

1. Juniors Eva Clay and Elizabeth LeMieux play a tune from their band, "The Fiasco Project." 2. In a sibling duet, junior Hannah Matthews plays the guitar while freshman Lily Matthews sings. 3. A member of the much-anticipated "New-Drip Radio," senior AJ Hollins enunciates his rap lyrics. 4. Senior bassist Jeff Kapraun looks calmly into the crowd at Pioneer Palooza, 2017.

Raise the Roof

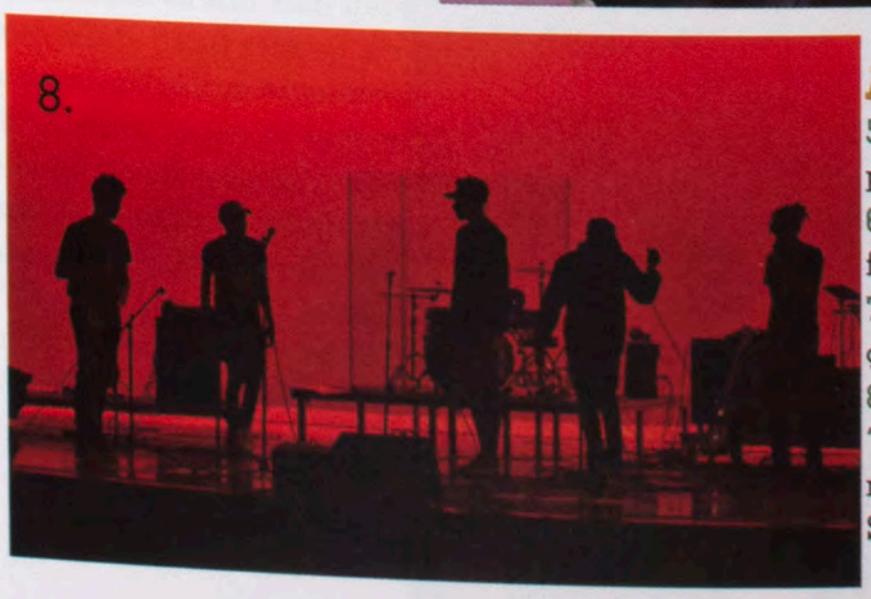
Pioneer Palooza is an annual celebration of the numerous musically gifted students at University High school. The performances, this year taking place in Stroud auditorium, span all different genres of music and showcase the many talents, hard work, and dedication of U-High's student body.

For many students, Pioneer Palooza is a chance to showcase passions they have pursued from a young age. Senior Leah Taylor, who performed in the all senior Class Night band, has been focused on music her entire life. "I was singing before I could even walk," Taylor said. "I'd performed at two other Pioneer Palooza's before, but I think this one was really special."

Perhaps the most exciting performance of the night was the premiere of local hip hop group New Drip Radio, who drew in a large group of peers and fans during their performance. "I'm gald we finally got to show U-High what New Drip Radio is all about," senior Sebastian Nassar said. Nassar co-founded the group along with six other students.

Nassar and fellow New Drip member senior Alex Walbert helped to close out the night with the help of the senior Class Night band. Walbert has participated in every Pioneer Palooza since his eighth grade year, marking this as his fifth and final appearance. "It really means a lot to see a positive reaction in the audience." Walbert said. "It was a really amazing experience and a great way to close out my high school career."

Story and pictures by Elijah Gray

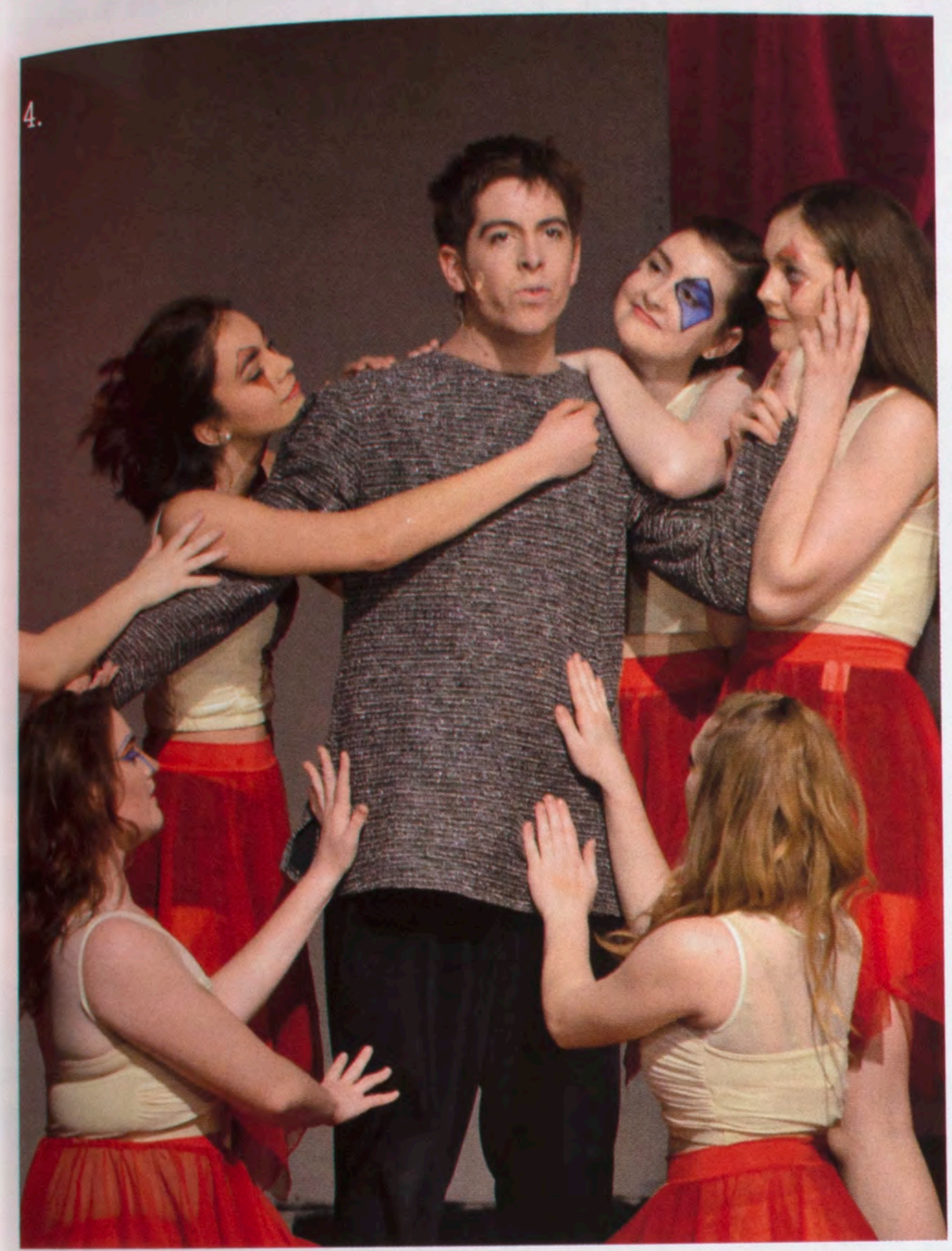


A Showcase for Stars-in-the-making

5. Junior Illyana Lin sings her heart out in a moving solo performance.
6. Senior Rowan Scott intensely sings into the microphone for her performance.
7. Junior Colton Stogner sings and strums his acoustic guitar in a heartfelt solo.
8. Members of "New-Drip Radio" move onto the stage. "Nothing like looking into a crowd and have them remember lyrics you forgot," New-Drip member Sebastian Nassar said.

Golden Performances

1. In her role as Leading Player, Caroline McKinzie struts the stage.
2. Senior Emily Rodriquez beautifully performing her challenging solo.
3. Junior Josh Kuhn and Senior Jeff Kapraun singing their father-son duet.
4. Junior Josh Kuhn getting all the attention from the ladies on stage.



"Pippin"

Musical and performance talent in U-High's school productions has always been a force to reckon with. That said, both the cast and performances of Pippin turned out as they always do: absolutely incredible.

The immense talent that the production calls for was no match for this year's cast. Eleven seniors shaped the production from start to finish. "Pippin" showcased far more than just the acting talent of the Pioneers. Senior Brianna Pinter designed and created several of the costumes, and "tech god" duo Benjamin Guttschow and Brendon Bacon ran an electrifying set.

In her thirteen years of performing, senior Caroline McKinzie has always played the role of a sweet, innocent little girl. Not so with "Pippin." "It was fun for me to play the Leading Player and work on a sassy, strong character," McKinzie said. Indeed, the Leading Player steers the musical towards its darker themes of the consequences of perpetual dissatisfaction.

Another challenge in this year's musical preparation were conflicts with the rehearsals of a prior theatre production; and with the 'ensemble heavy' production that Pippin is, it was no easy task. "I have been told by multiple sources who have seen past U-High musicals and school musicals in town that our production of Pippin had some of the best high school vocals they had ever heard," junior Josh Kuhn, who played Pippin said, "The leads were very strong and were able to make a very vocally demanding show sound spectacular."

Story by Savannah Remkus
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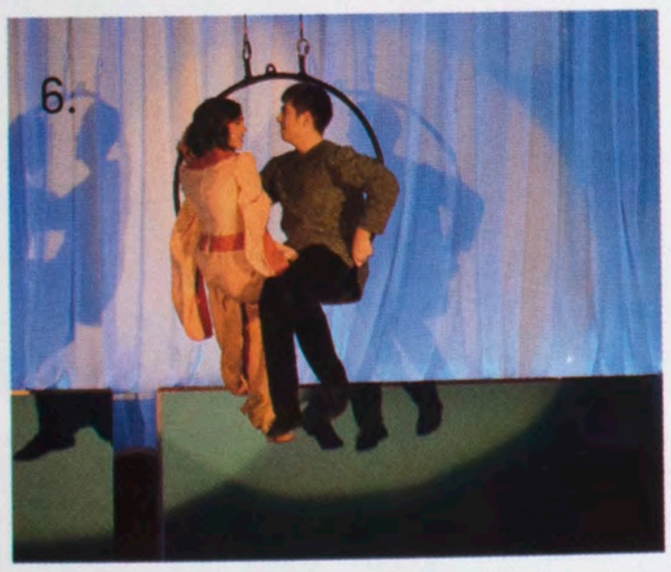

The 'Grandest' Finale

5. All of the performing seniors in a celebratory photo after a great show.
6. Senior Emily Rodriquez and Junior Josh Kuhn in their high flying romantic scene.
7. The cast showing off another one of their unique talents up on silks on stage.
8. Seniors Alex Walbert, Caroline McKinzie, and Logan Piker singing alongside Pippin during the musical's finale.

Shooting for the Stars

1. Leading the last leg of the mile, senior Jack Franklin wins the 3200 meter at BHS Meet.
2. Ready for lift off, junior Caleb Diffor sets up for triple jump.

Working Together

From the beginning of the season, it looked like an uphill battle for the boys track team. Their sprinters were few and far between, something that the team had not dealt with in the past. Many talented seniors also graduated out of the program the year before, and it looked like maybe it would be a "building year" for the team as a whole.

However, that was far from the case. The team had one of the strongest seasons in school history, with all of their hard work culminating in a 1st place trophy at the state meet. One of the coaches, Stacey Welter, had an interesting conversation while waiting for the bus to the state meet. "I said to Jack Franklin, 'I think we have a good shot for second place.' Jack responded, 'Coach Welter, I don't think that's very positive. I think we can get first.' And so that was our mindset for the rest of the trip," Welter said. This mindset obviously proved very helpful as they were anchored by strong performances in every qualifying category, which included the 4x800 relay, the 1600m, triple jump, and long jump. With only five events providing opportunities to score, every contribution to the scoreboard mattered. Senior Myles Aldridge led the team with two first-place wins in triple and long jump. Aldridge will be running for Indiana State next year. Jared Schuckman clinched a third-place finish in the 1600m. Combined with a victory in the 4x800, this team gave Coach Lester Hampton his first state championship in the 29 years he has been coaching.

Story by Nick Honzel
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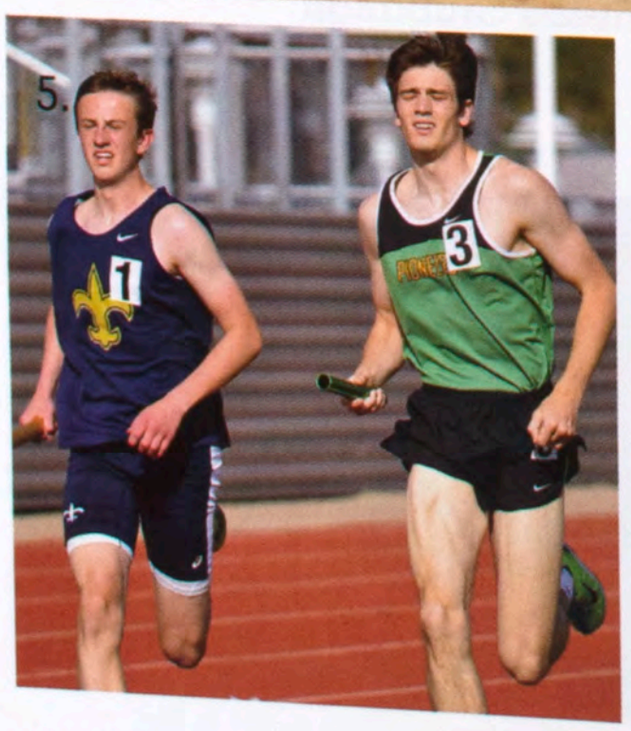


Run, Pioneers Run

3. Flying into the sandpit, senior Myles Aldrige wins the gold in long jump and triple jump at the state meet.
4. Junior Jackson McClure in the 4 X 400 relay.
5. Passing up a Central Catholic runner, senior Jack Martin takes the lead.
6. The team brings home the first place trophey while earning 37 points to tie the Pretzels of Freeport.

It's a RUNderful Life

As the sign hanging on head coach John Neisler's desk says, the girls track and field team was "so good, they have to compete in 3A 'til 2018." The girls once again had an astounding season, sending two pole vaulters and two distance runners to state despite being moved up a class. Vaulters Lauren Seaver and Katie Reeves brought home third and fourth place, respectively, from the state meet.

"Being in a higher class brought our motivation down a little bit at first, but in the end it was just more competition for us," senior Amber Nanni said. "It pushed us to work harder and set higher goals for ourselves."

The senior distance runners consisted of Ally Shepherd, Lena Chalian, Catie Mussey, Jacqueline Bacon, Amber Nanni, and Emmy Chambers. The senior sprinters included Brianna Pinter, Katie Reeves, and Anna Rodriguez. The team placed first at Intercity, finished first for the fourth year in a row at Conference, and earned seventh at Sectionals. These accomplishments are impressive on their own, let alone with the bad weather that has accompanied this season.

"We had a very mild winter and got good training in earlier in the season, but once March/April hit, it got cold and rainy and windy," Neisler said. "I had to keep reminding the girls that they had to find a different way to measure themselves than by what the clock said. There's more to having a good race than having a good time."

The sprinters run about seven miles a week, while distance hits about 25. Generally, there are about 2-3 workouts per week that include both speed and pacing with little rest between intervals. On non-workout days, the girls run up to five miles, honing in on endurance. Off the track, the girls made good memories together too. Both Nanni and Shepherd agree that a highlight of this season was the team bonding at assistant coach Stu Shaver's farm the weekend after the Conference meet. There, they used their athletic abilities to play sand volleyball, frisbee, swim, and make s'mores.

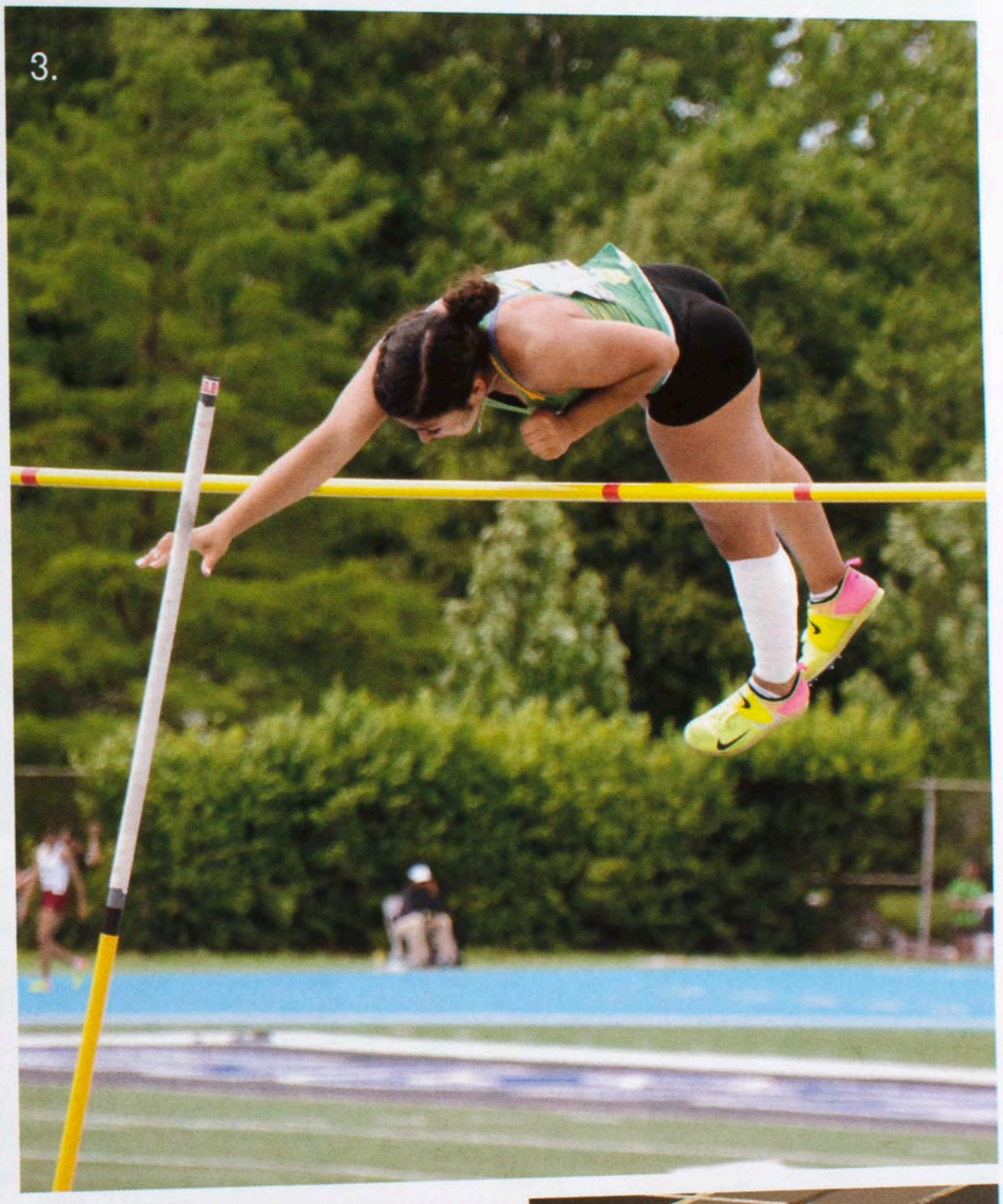
"It's been a pretty happy season. We have a really heavy underclassmen team, so it's been exciting to see a lot of new runners and what can they do," Shepherd said. "We're a good team, we work together and that's how we win things."

Story by Leah Taylor

Photos courtesy of Katie Reevess, Will Grayson, and Catie Mussey

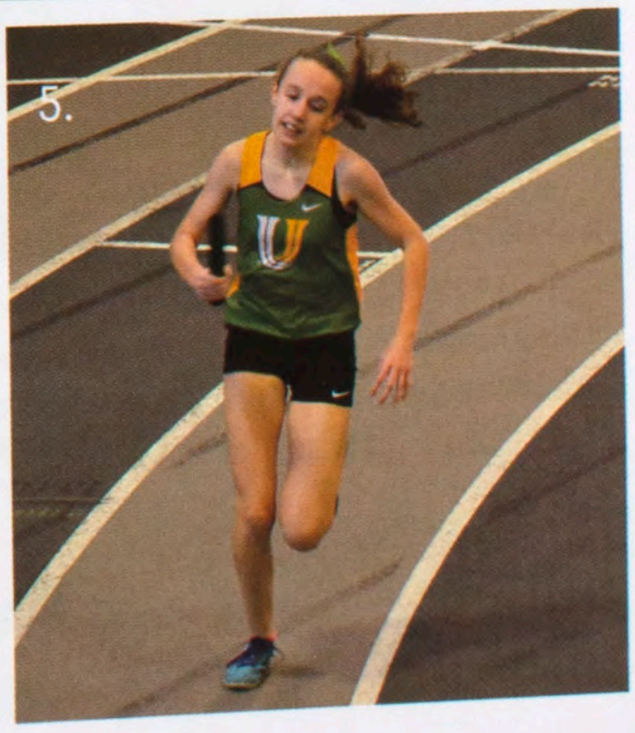
In It For The Long Run

1. Launching herself over the bar, senior Katie Reeves clears 11' 0 at State.
2. Showing off their intercity success, the senior girls, Ally Shepherd, Jacqueline Bacon, Amber Nanni, Lena Chalian, Katie Reeves, Catie Mussey, Brianna Pinter, and Emmy Chambers, hold the team's first place trophy.

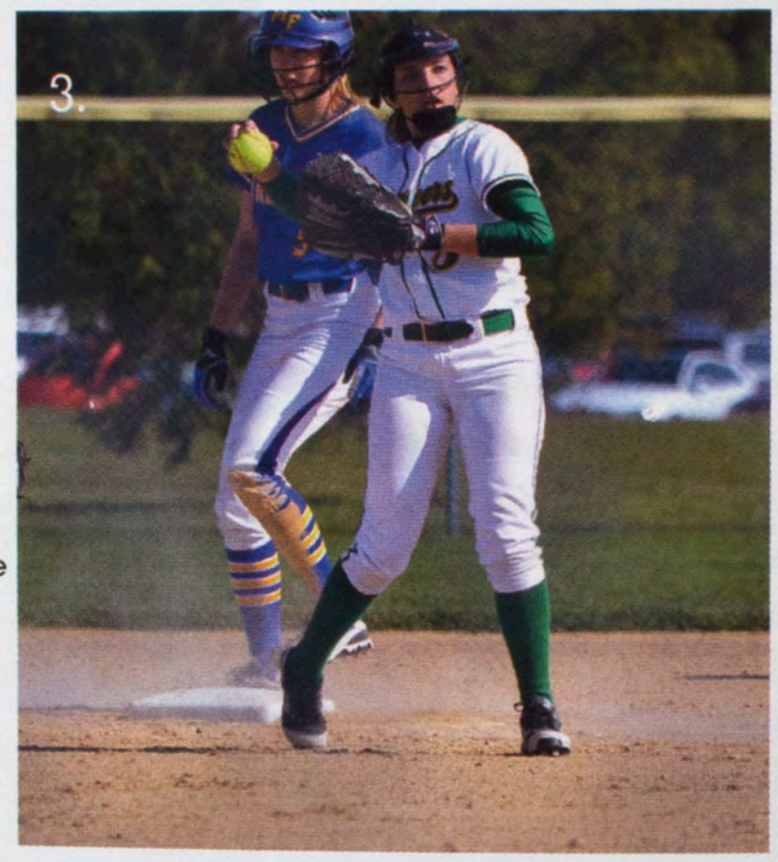


On the Right Track

3. With a PR of 12'4 and placing very highly at every meet, junior Lauren Seaver clears the pole at 11'9 at State.
4. After dancing on the infield of the track, the team flashes up the "U".
5. Emerson Mussey made her mark on distance running this year earning a PR of 5:20.77 in the 1600m. Here she brought in her leg in the 4x800 relay at the Clinton Indoor Meet helping the team win the final Corn Belt Confernce meet.



Overcoming Obstacles



Playing With Passion

1. Junior Nahdia Wilbert-Davis throws the ball after it was hit to her in right field against Maroa Forsyth.
2. Coach Al Toliver gives the girls encouraging words in between innings.
3. In a game against Moroa-Forsyth, junior Grace Matheis throws the ball back to the pitcher.
4. Mid pitch junior Maddie Boucher is throwing on senior night.

While they didn't know it at the time, the bonding that the softball team would do during their amazing spring break trip to Disney would be important during their season because of the hardships they were to face. The close-knit group of girls faced unfortunate changes due to injuries, and were lucky enough to have the talent in the younger players to step up to the challenge.

With senior Becca Wagner suffering from a season-ending injury, there was a rush to find someone to fill her shoes. "Not being able to play most of my senior year is very difficult," Wagner said, "I've had to fill a different role, and it kills me not being able to be out there with them." Wagner spoke very highly of freshman Emily O'Leary who took her place in starting line up, and said she was a good fit. Wagner explains that she is very excited to continue her career as a college athlete at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The team was also lucky to have junior transfer student, Maddie Boucher, who did a great job coming in and pitching during the girls' season.

Returning starter and senior Jasmyne Lawrence acted was a key leader for her teammates throughout the season. "My teammates are my babies and I believe in all of them. To be recognized not only as the team captain, but as someone who they look up to and aspire to be means the world," Lawrence said as her eyes began to water. "Lawrence is a one of a kind player to come through the program and she will be dearly missed," Coach Toliver said. Lawrence will continue to play for the historic Tuskegee University in Alabama.

Finishing with an 18-18 record the Pioneers look for new competion as they switch confrences next year. "I think the ability to face some harder teams wil push us to get better," freshman Maddie Roop said.

This team had each other's backs through just about everything life could throw at them.

Story by Savannah Remkus
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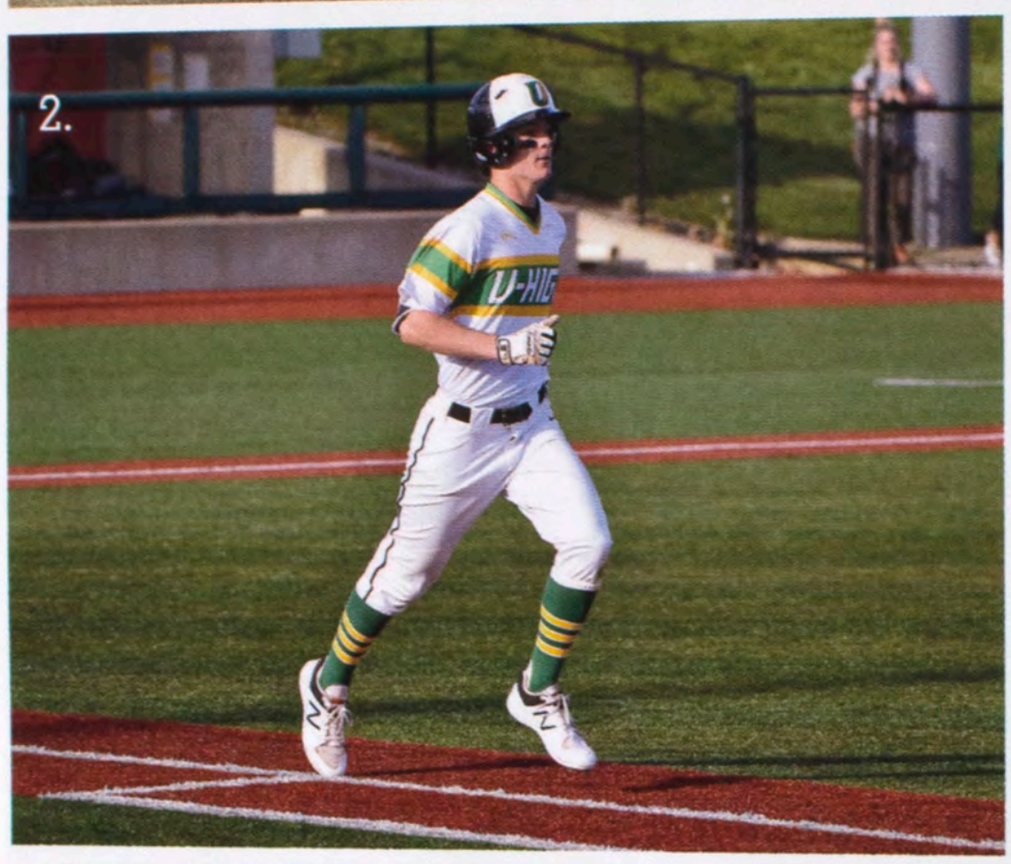
New Roles

5. Playing first base, sophomore Lana Williams anticipates the ball getting hit to her.
6. Stepping up to the plate, freshman Emily O'Leary gets ready to hit the ball.
7. Senior Becca Wagner gets the chance to play first base one last time on senior night.

Supporting Each Other

8. Ready to steal another base, senior Jasmyne Lawrece prepares to lead off first.
9. Junior Lexus Tennison gets Moara-Forsyth's runner in a tough run-down.
10. Before every inning, outfield players Brianna Poole, Jasmyne Lawrence, and Nadia Wilbert-Davis give each other high-fives.



Gettin' Wins

To start the season, the boys baseball team traveled down to Florida to compete against teams they did not know. Not only did this trip prove to be succesful as they finished with a 2-1 record, but it also provided crucial team-bonding. As a team, they traveled to all the parks together and spent all day, everyday together. This forced the boys to get to know each other and understand how to act as a team. This season there are seven seniors on the team, yet the team is very young.

"This year many young ones are starting, but there a lot of different guys who are capable of playing so finding a set line-up was hard," senior Billy Mote said. "One of these young players is my little brother Bubba. He has changed the environment for me and I'm excited about this time together."

The boys have a goal this season to be competitive in the post season. Senior Matt Mosele talks about how he sees the team making a deep run in the playoff if they continue to play at this level. He says the team's pivotal game was the MCstrong game against Normal West at the Corn Crib. This game is played in honor of former assistant coach, Michael Collins, who died in a car accident in 2014. Not only was this an importnat game because of the messsage, but West is a competitive team that was thought to be a tough match. U-High ended up dominating, winning the game 11-1. Now, the team looks to the players who are consistent and give the respect to those who have been there before.

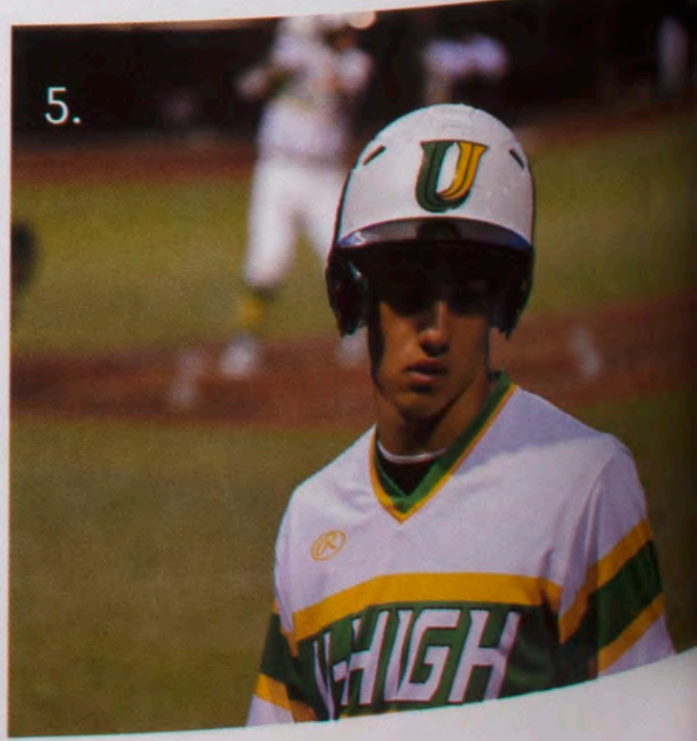
The team's mindset all season has been to "Attack, Attack, Attack!" and this was embraced as the end of the season drew near. The team ended the season with 24 wins, 11 losses. The Pioneers beat out IVC and Washington High school at Regionals, and lost to Geneseo High School, 8-10, at Sectionals.

"I wouldn't change these past years for the world. This has been an amazing community to be a part of," senior John Gibson said. "As cliche as it may sound, these years will be done before you know it so push yourself and enjoy the years on this team."

Story by Megan Wittman
Pictures courtesy of Ryan Hardman

A Season to Remember

1.Senior University of Illinois-Springfield commit Jake Armstrong collects against Sacred Heart-Griffin.
2. Taking a base vs. Pontiac Township High School is Junior Matt Mier.
3. Junior Ty Ziebarth pitches from the stretch against Pontiac Township High School
4. The dugout chants at the team's senior night versus Mahomet.
5. Senior Beau Hendren-Santiago on deck at this year's MCstrong invitational at the Corn Crib. The team beat Normal West to push for a key pivot point of their season.

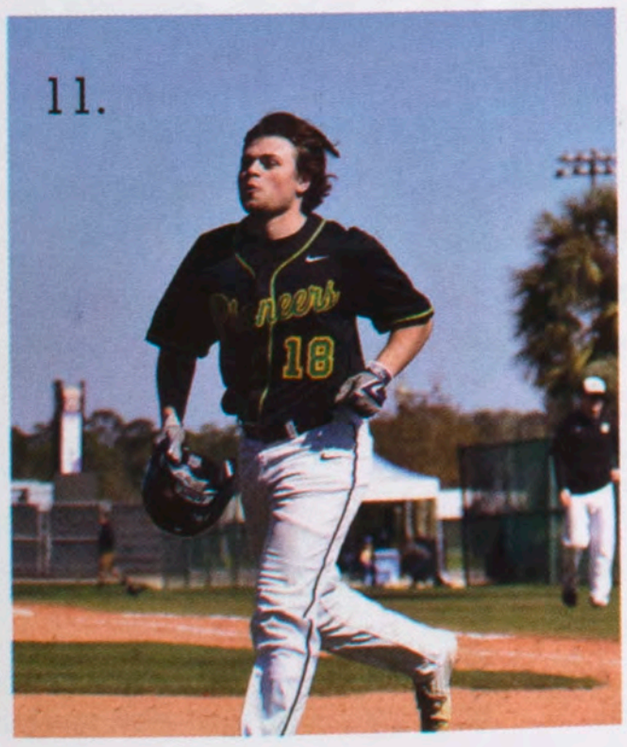


See it Deep

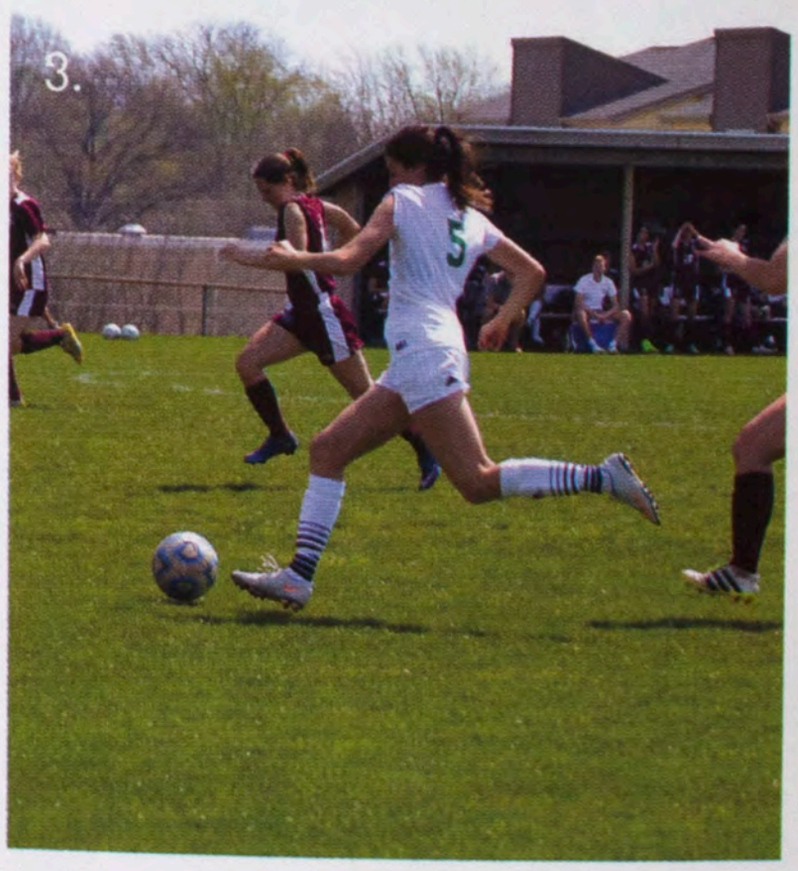
6. Senior Billy Mote hits a ball over the right field fence at Pontiac Township High School. He will continue his baseball career next year at Baylor University.
7. Junior John Merna playing in the infield is ready for a pitch to be thrown at Illinois Valley Central High School.
8.The team young and old come together as a family. A close knit group of players in prayer at Duffy Bass Field.

Taking the Plate

9. Senior John Gibson plays first base at a conference game vs. Illinois Valley Central.
10. Throwing a pitch during a game senior Lake Williams competes with the team helping them push against Sacred Heart Griffin.
11. Hair flowing in the wind at the boys' trip to Disney this Spring Break, senior Ryan Poland runs into the dugout to finish off the inning.
12. Diving to tag a runner in the best play of the year vs. Prairie Central at Duffy Bass. senior Matt Mosele makes this amazing play and will continue to play baseball next year by joinning his brother, Nick Mosele, at Augustana College,



Heading to the Top



Going for the Goal

1. Junior Lauren Dubravec strikes the ball against Champaign Central.
2. Seniors Robin Fiero, Joke Adanri, Advika Kamatar, and Elena Hollingsworth line up to be introduced prior to the start of the game.
3. On her way to score another goal, senior Sarah LaFayette works her way past the defense.
4. Senior Advika Kamatar dribbles the ball up the field during the senior night game.

Returning all but two starters this season, there were high hopes for this team. "I had a really postive outlook because I knew we were getting some freshmen who would mesh really well with our team," senior Sydney Lighty said. One of these freshmen would be starting goalie Sophie Dorgan. "It's been different, the girls are bigger and faster, so its been fun adjusting to that," Dorgan said. "I've gotten a lot more comfortable with making saves and just with my team in general." Other freshman starters included Meredith Heller and Alexandra Eisenreich. Returing with Lighty for their senior season were Advika Kamatar, Elena Hollingsworth, and Sarah LaFayette. Lighty, LaFayette, and Hollingsworth brought over 10 years of experience of playing soccer with one another to a close with this final year. "I know how both of them play on the field, so it leads to a really good team dynamic," Lighty said. "They're two of my best friends." LaFayette came into this season having committed to play soccer at ISU next year. "I wasn't as nervous playing but it also gave me the opportunity to be more of a leader for the team," LaFayette said. LaFayette would lead the team with 68 goals this season. "She is a really good student of the game," coach Hayley Sefton said of LaFayette. "She understands it well and does a really good job of not only making herself better but also the entire team better." First year seniors were Adejoke Adanri and Robin Fiero. "At first the hardest part was learning how to use all the talent we had together," junior Daisy Covarrubias said. Lauren Dubravec, a three year varsity player, was amazed by the growth of this team over the season. "We do a good job supporting each other and respecting each other on and off the field," Dubravec said. ""I think they've grown together as a group," Sefton said, "They've really pushed each other to make each other better and they're super supportive of each other." The girls ended the season with a record of 15-10-1, and a second place finish in state. "We want to play well, we want to win, and we want to have fun." Hollingsworth said.

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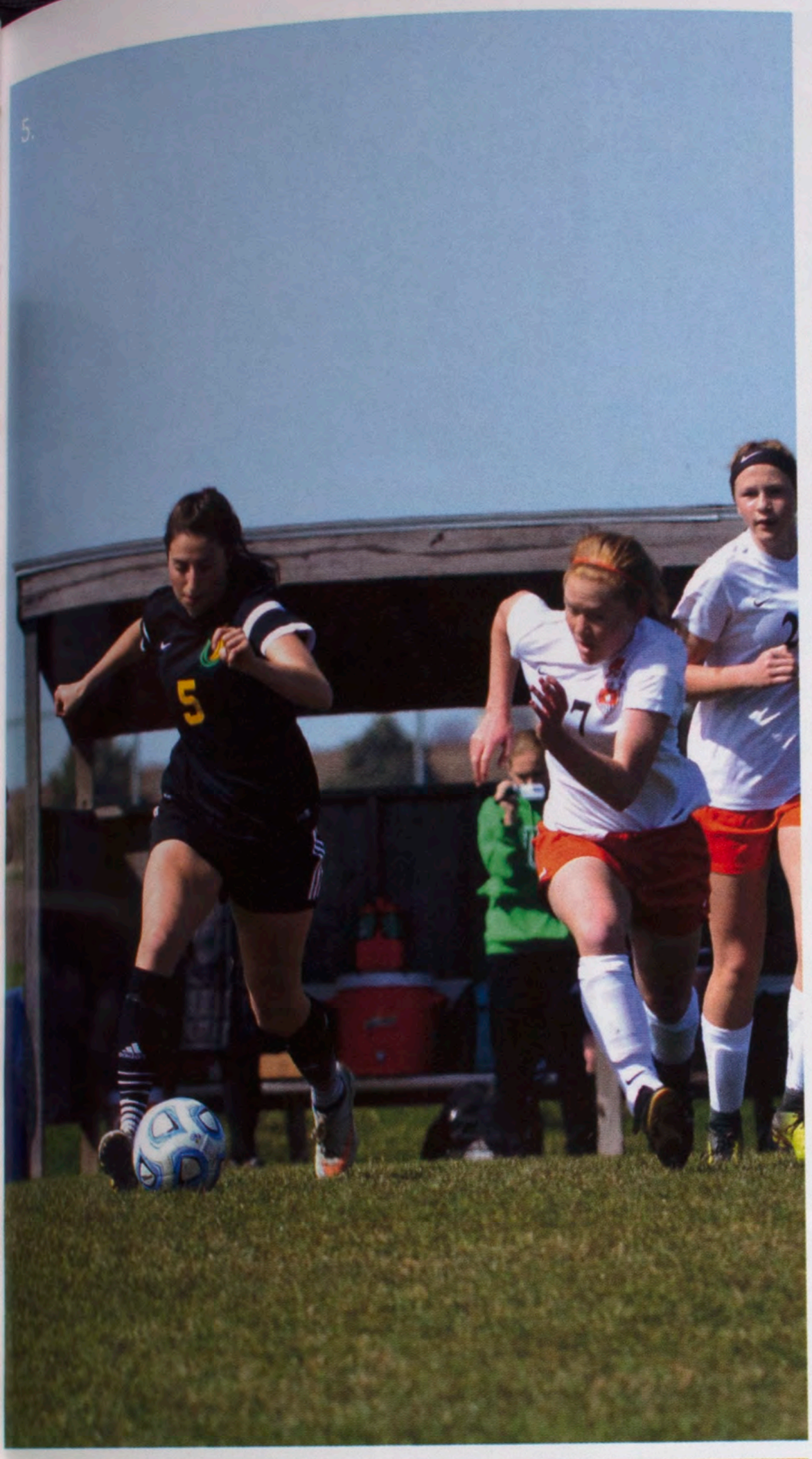
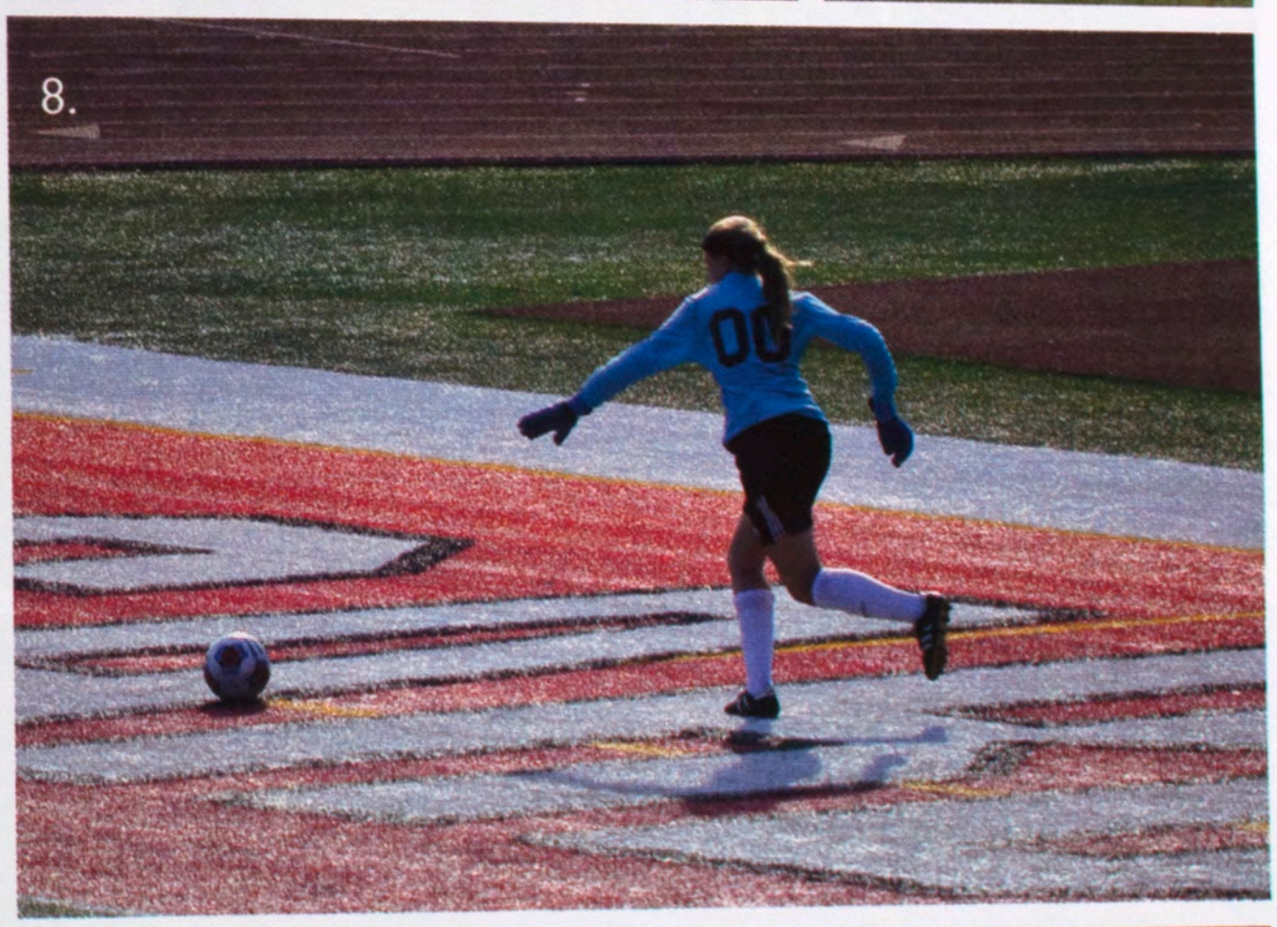


Best in the Field

5. Sarah LaFayette moves the ball around Normal Community players.
6. Senior Elena Hollingsworth dribbles the ball and shows off her defense skills at Intercity.
7. Junior Elise Crockett fights of a Peoria Notre Dame player to get the ball.



Just for Kicks

8. Freshman goalkeeper Sophie Dorgan looks to clear the ball in the state championship loss against Quincy Notre Dame.
9. The team celebrates their 10-0 regional win over Peoria Christian.
10. Senior Sydney Lighty fights a Champaign Central player for the ball.

Signings

1.
UIS
BASEBALL
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2.
AUGUSTANA
COLLEGE

3.
WINTHROP

4.
IHSA
2005
BOYS GOLF CLASS AA
GIRLS GOLF
CHAMPIONS
1988
BOYS TRACK CLASS A
1995
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY CLASS A
TRUMAN
TRACK & FIELD

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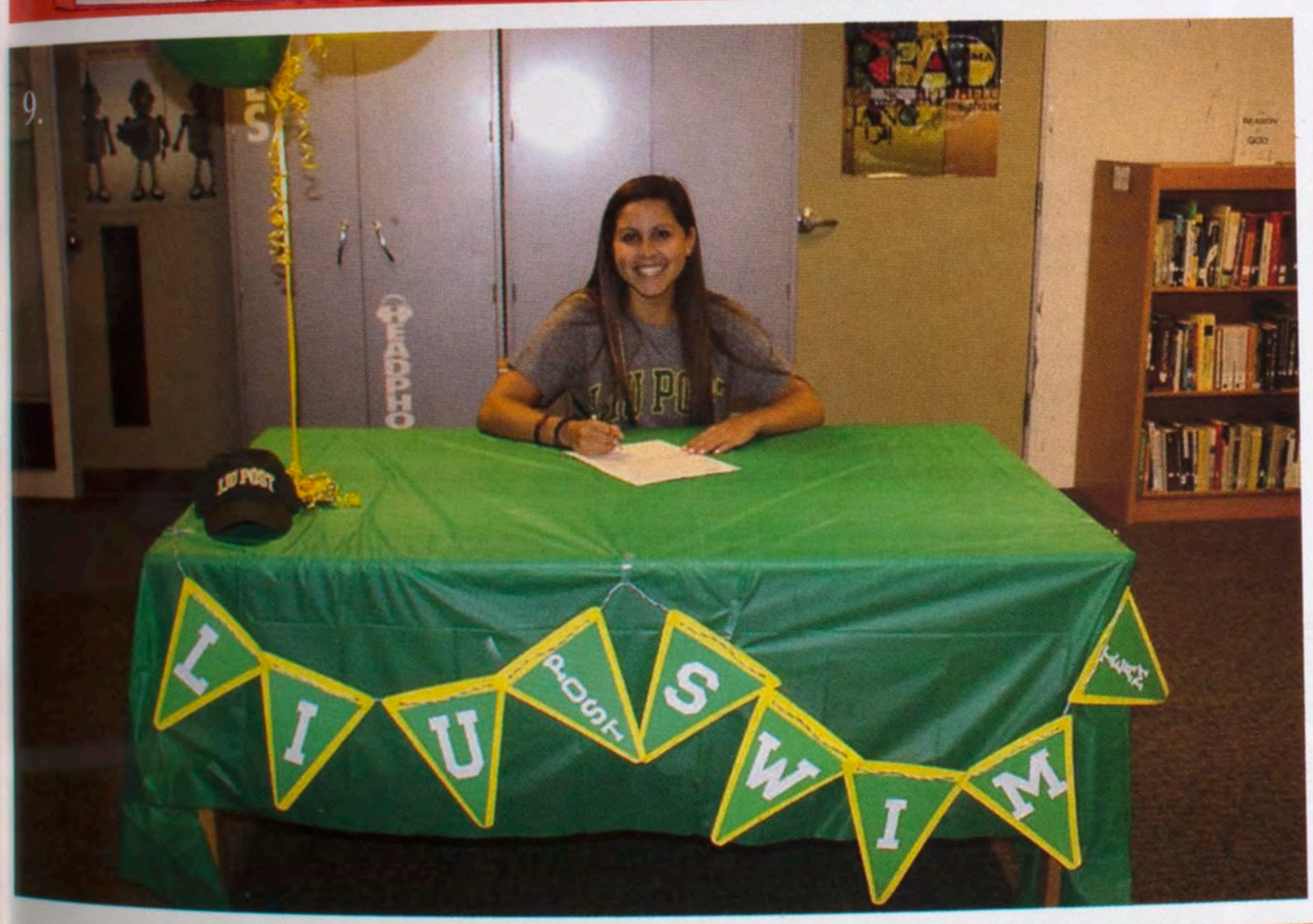
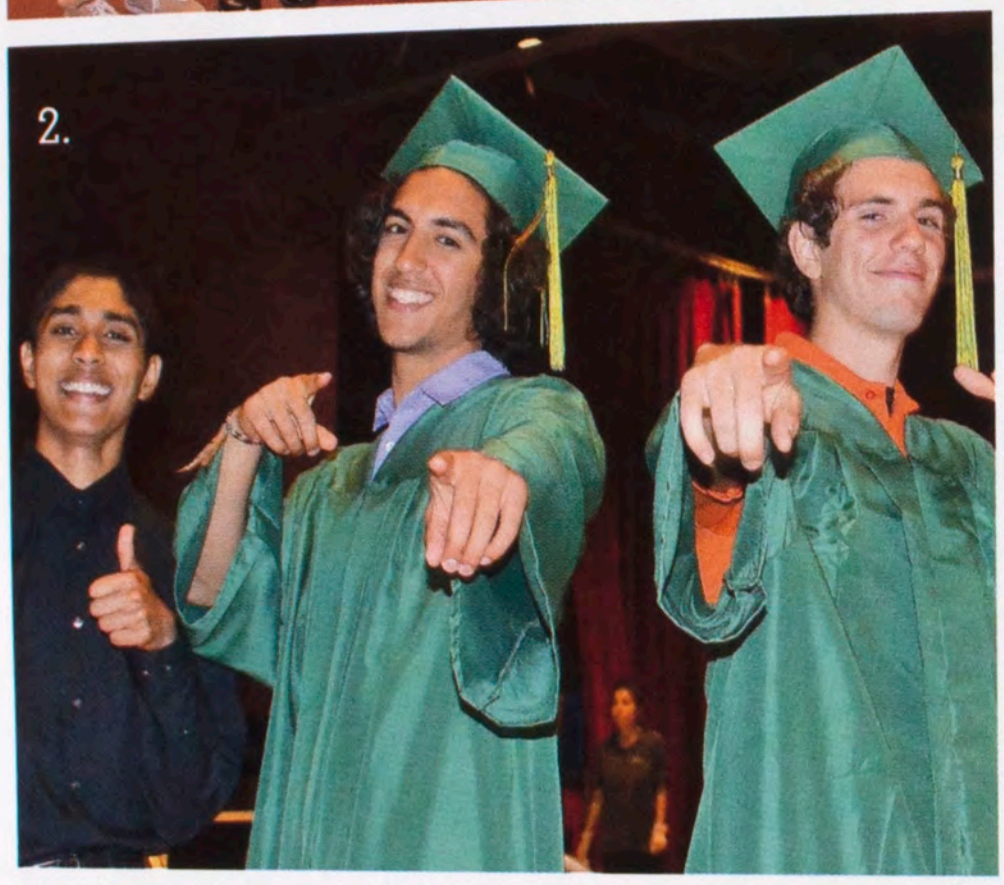
6.

Where can you see these Pioneers next?

1. Billy Mote- Baylor University TX, Baseball; Savannah Remkus- Illinois Stare University IL, Gymnastics; Jake Armstrong- University of Illinois Springfield IL, Baseball; Keondre Schumacher- Winthrop University SC, Basketball.
2. Matt Mosele- Augustana College IL, Baseball
3. Keondre Schumacher- Winthrop University SC, Basketball
4. Katie Reeves- Truman State MO, Track
5. Becca Wagner- Illinois Wesleyan University IL, Softball
6. Jacqueline Bacon- Lewis University IL, Track
7. Raven Hughes- Illinois Wesleyan University IL, Basketball
8. Sarah LaFayette- Illinois State University IL, Soccer
9. Gena Mendez- LIU Post NY, Swim
10. Jake Armstrong- University of Illinios Springfield IL, Baseball
11. Abbie Seward- Keiser University FL, Volleyball; Jamie Walling-Oakland CA, Volleyball
12. Jasmyne Lawrence-Tuskegee University AL, Softball





The Grand Finale

Moving on to the next stage of their lives, another group of seniors walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, that small slip of paper they've worked for the last four years. Nostalgic, but at the same time ready to move to the next step, each student awaited anxiously for their name to be called. This graduating class held a record number of valedictorians with 16 students achieving a 4.0 grade point average. To start off the ceremony, the concert band played the classic "Pomp and Circumstance" processional as the students and faculty were seated on the stage. Principal Andrea Markert gave opening remarks, sharing that this senior class had earned more than twelve million dollars in scholarships. This class has students who have been accepted to such prestigious universities as Yale and Brown, as well as individuals who will serve in the military. After Markert's welcome, the student speakers were up. First in line was Advika Kamatar, who explored the definition of "Pioneer" by speaking about the dangers of letting one define themselves through numbers. She reminded her audience that character is what is really important. The next speaker was Leah Taylor, whose message could be summed up with this sentiment: "We all have different fears and expectations about what the future has in store for us, but the diversity within our school is what makes U-High so incredible." Sydney Auth closed with a speech about courage in the road ahead, anchored by a line from the film The Curious Case of Benjamin Button: "I hope you have the courage to start over again." The diploma presentation then began. English teacher Shannon Maney stepped in to fill the shoes of outgoing Mike Sondgeroth, calling the name of each student as proud parents and teachers looked on.

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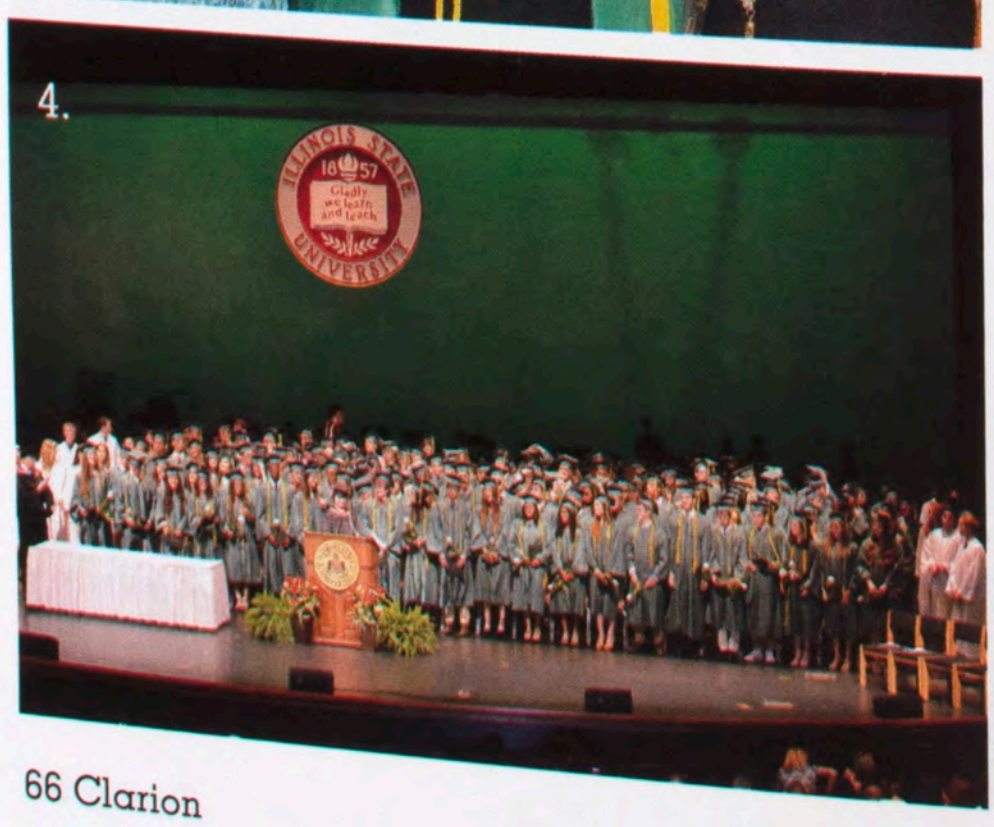
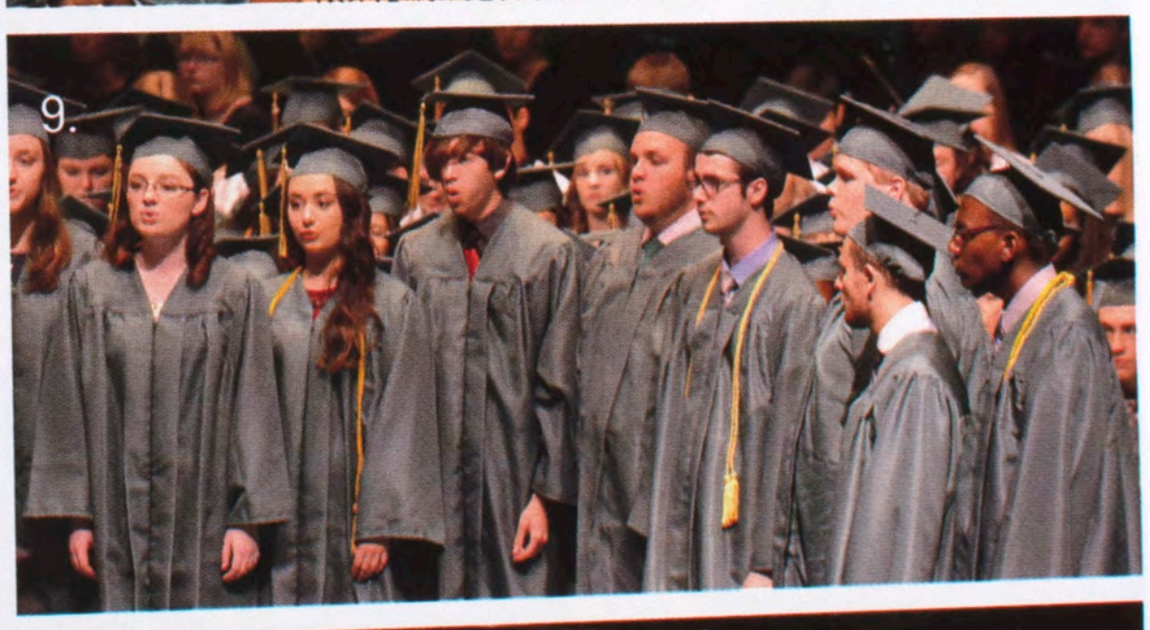


The Final Moments

1. Various members of the cross country and track team pose for one last picture in their caps and gowns.
2. Graduation marshal Alok Kamatar gets in a final photo with some of his best friends, seniors Michael Elzanati and Grayson Will.
3. Senior Kaylee Birlingmair says goodbye to U-High faculty Stacey Welter and Kelly Whiting.
4. The graduating class of 2017, standing with diplomas in hand, ready to close this chapter in their lives.
5. Senior Ryan Poland walks across the stage to receive the diploma he has been working for the past four years.

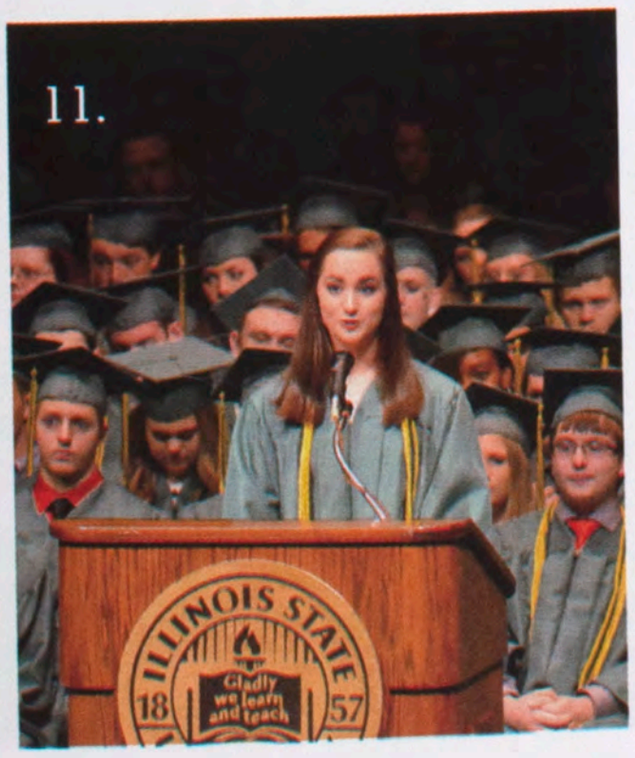
End of the Road

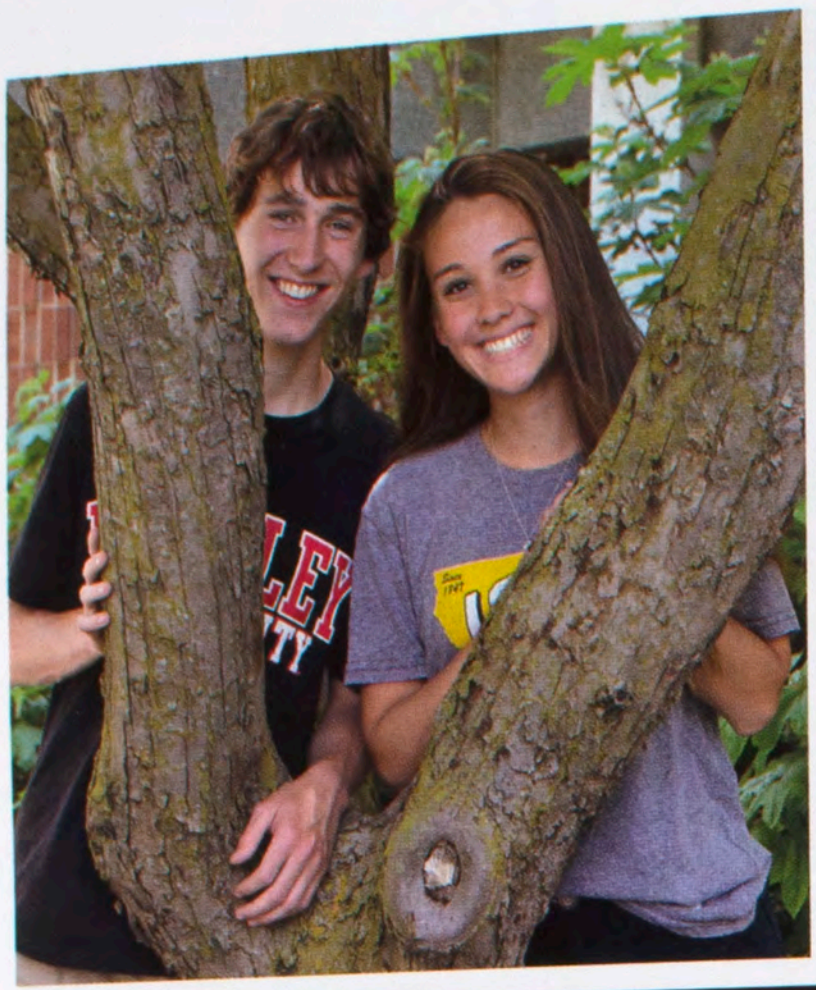
6. Closing out the speech portion, Sydney Auth delivers a thought provoking speech about the uncertainty that the future holds for her and everyone around her.
7. Confetti flies as the graduating class throws their caps in celebration.
8. Senior Advika Kamatar defines what it means to be a Pioneer in her graduation speech, touching on ideas such as courage and self-image.

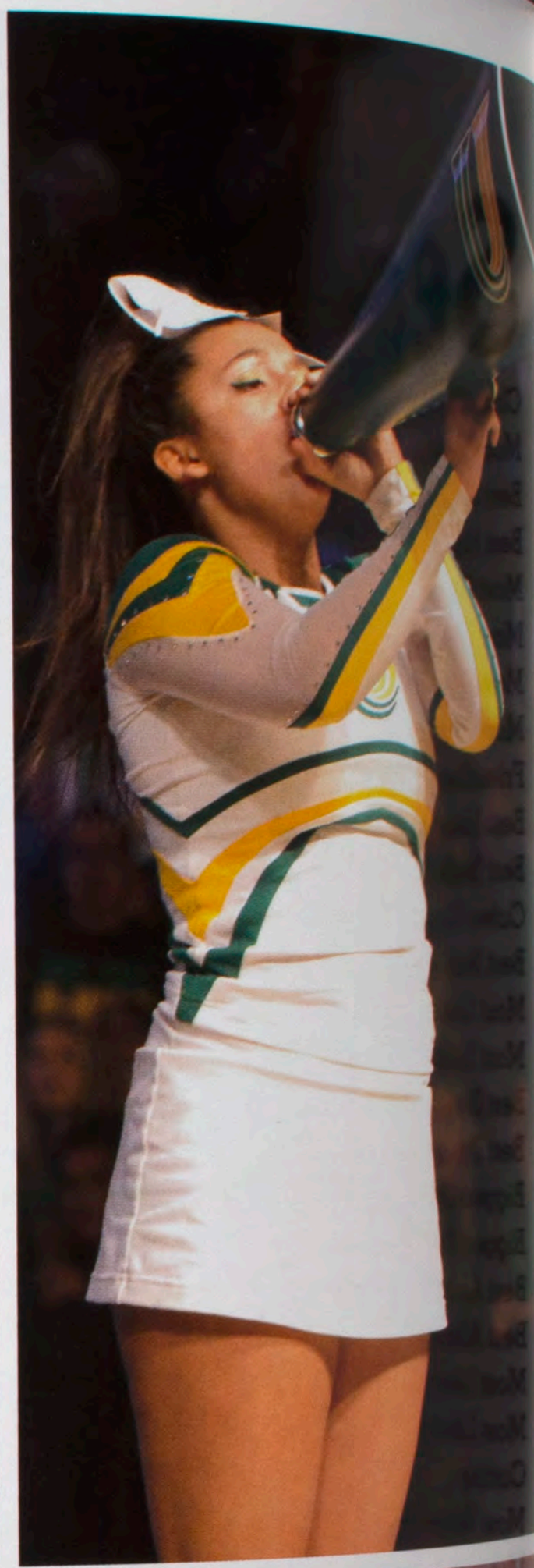


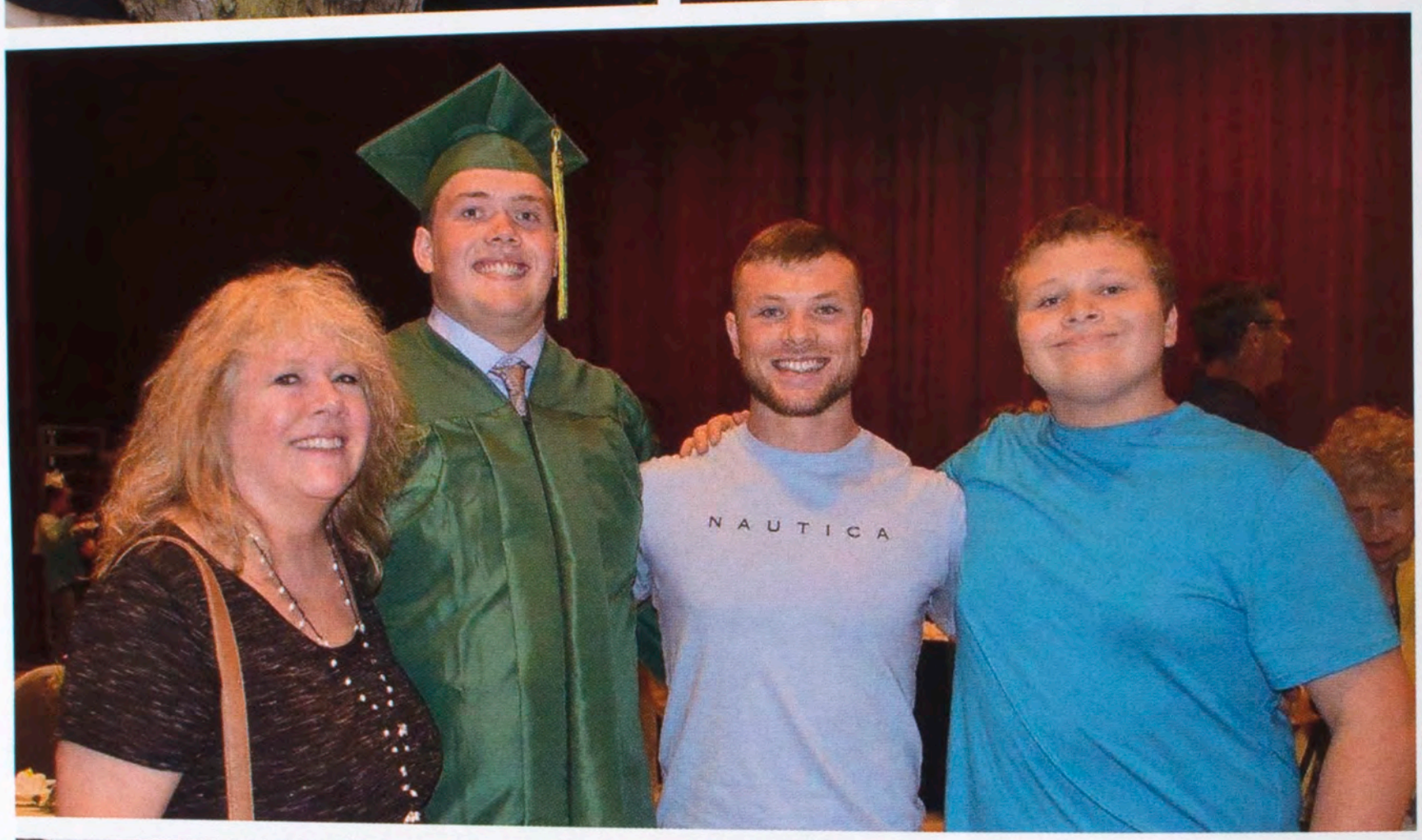
Words to remember...

9. The senior members of Concert Choir line up to sing U-High's "Alma Mater" one final time before they graduate.
10. Replacing retiring teacher, Mike Sondgeroth, as the voice of U-High, at least for graduation, English teacher Shannon Maney reads off the names of the graduating seniors.
11. Senior Leah Taylor gives an eloquently orated speech on one of U-High's major strengths: diversity.
12. Diploma in hand, seniors Ally Shepherd, Leah Taylor, Lexi French, Lena Chalien, Emma Rodriguez, Katie Reeves, Advika Kamatar, Michael Elzanati and Grayson Will capture a final moment together.





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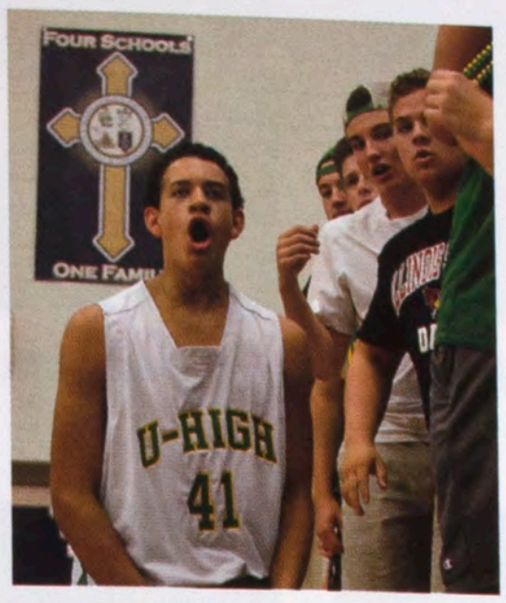
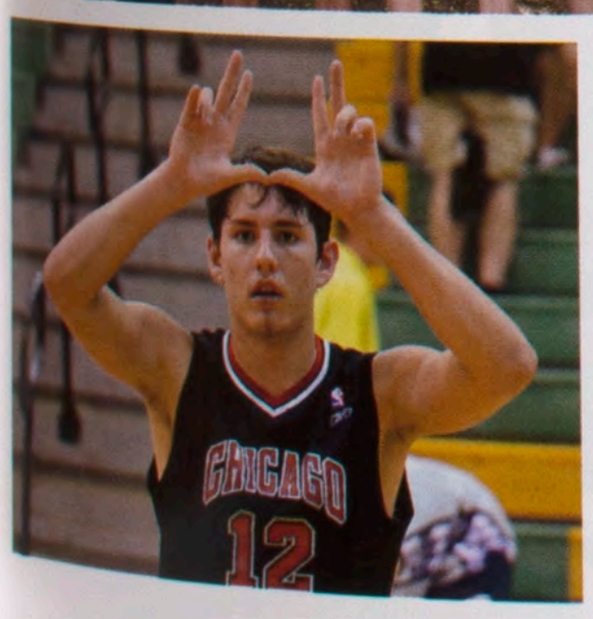
Senior Superlatives

Class Clown- Kellen Amble
Most likely to need a ride- Rickey Orr, II
Best Hair (Male)- Michael Elzanati
Best Hair (Female)- Jessica Baker
Most Pioneer Pride- Jaxon Heffner
Most Likely to be famous- Caroline McKinzie
Most Likely to Succeed- Advika Kamatar
Most Likely to Teach at U-High- Zachary Gocker
Friendliest- Deanna Trosino
Best Smile (Male)- William Mote
Best Smile (Female)- Ellie Paul
Cutest Couple- Sydney Lighty and Jack Franklin
Best Bromance- Simon Heinrich and Austin Spaulding
Most Likely to be late- Jack Martin
Most Likely to become President- Simon Heinrich
Best Dressed (Male)- Elijah King
Best Dressed (Female)- Stephanie Parrott
Biggest Glow-Up- Luke Ludwig
Biggest Try Hard in P.E.- Tanner Martin
Best Athlete (Male)- Keondre Schumacher
Best Athlete (Female)- Raven Hughes
Most Likely to Travel the World- Sydney Whitten
Most Likely to Recieve a Nobel Peace Prize- Charles Cutting
Most Unique Talent- Savannah Remkus
Most Likely to be a Millionaire- Michael Mosely
Most Likely to Dominate the World- Colin Hardman





Best Personality (Male)- Noah Franklin
Best Personality (Female)- Anna Rodriguez
Best Laugh- Rowan Scott
Best Taste in Music- Alexander Walbert
Most Likely to Brighten your Day- Logan Piker
Worst Case of Senioritis- Peris Story
Best Couple that Never Dated- Elena Hollingsworth and Dylan Panizo
Most Likely to be Caught Sleeping in Class- Ian Terry
Most Unforgettable- Joshua Henderson
Best Worst Jokes- Matthew Messman
Most Likely to Survive in the Wilderness- Benjamin Guttschow
Prettiest Eyes- Brendon Bacon, Emily Rodriguez
Most Likely to Campaign for a Superlative- Lake Williams
Talks the Least Says the Most- Elijah Gray, Emmilene Chambers
Talks the Most Says the Least- Ally Shepherd
Most Huggable- Packard Otto
Best to take Home to Mom and Dad (Male)- Dylan Panizo
Best to take Home to Mom and Dad (Female)- Elena Hollingsworth
Class Blonde- Brianna Pinter
Most Accident Prone- Leah Taylor
Never There- Luke Leskovisek
Most Likely to be a Townie- Taylor Lindsey
Class Mom- Kaylee Birlingmair
Class Dad- Jeffrey Kapraun

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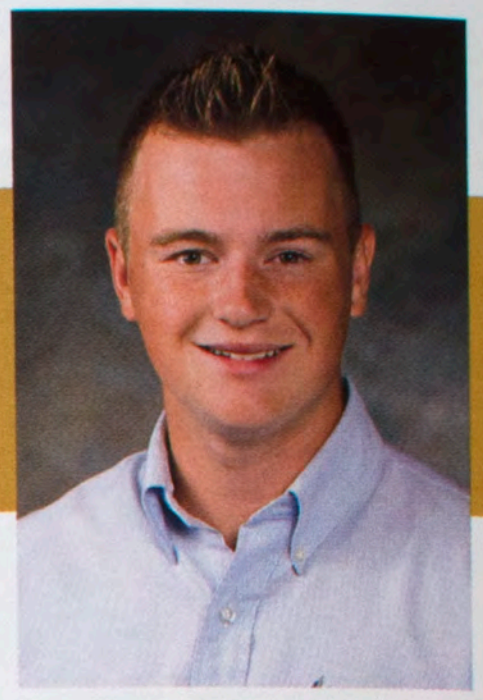
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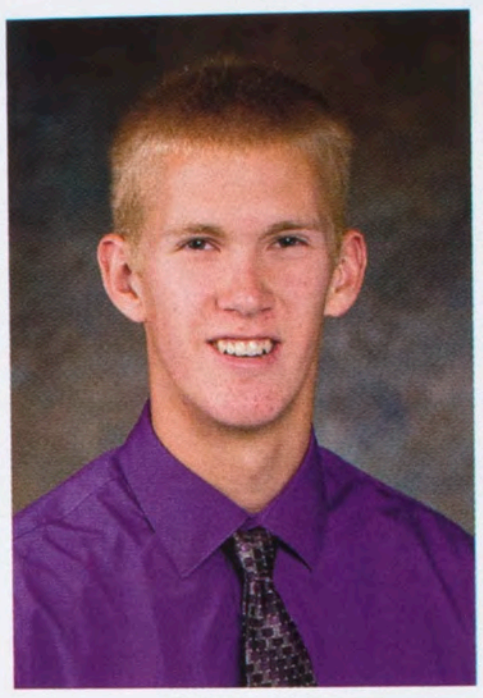
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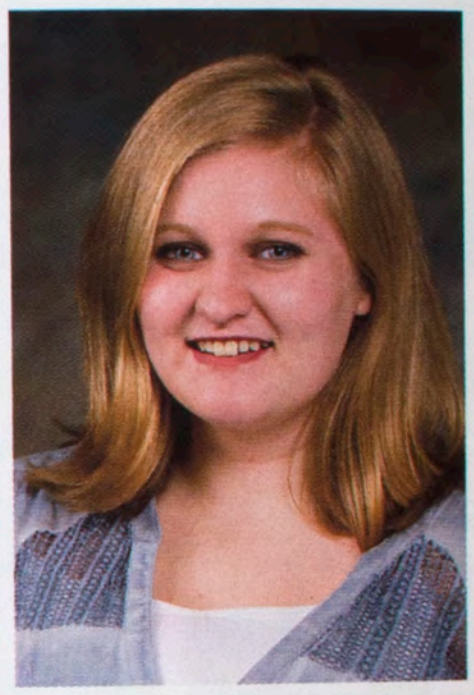
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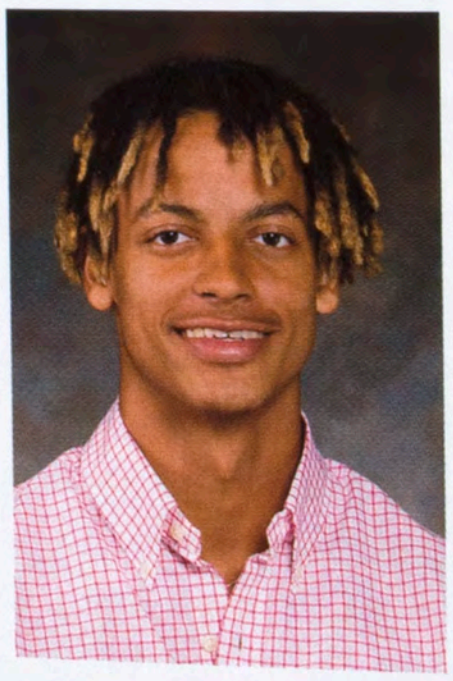
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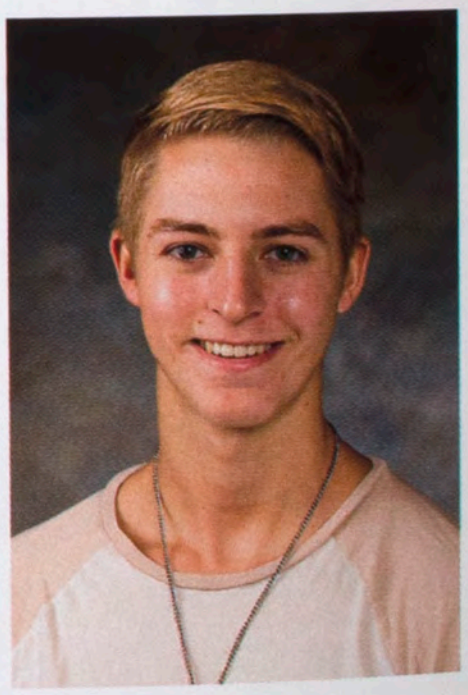
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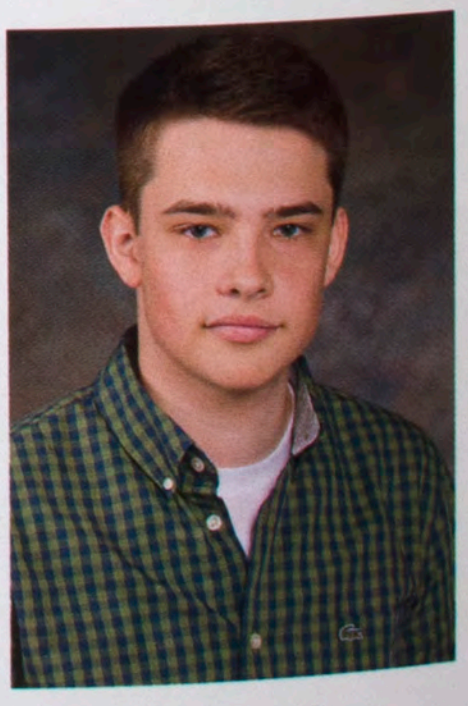
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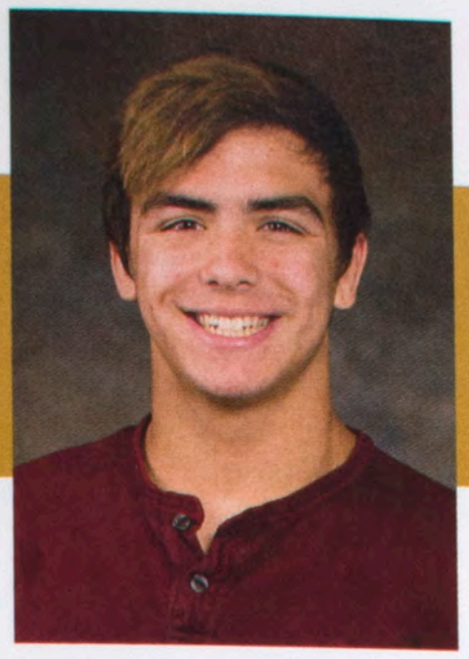
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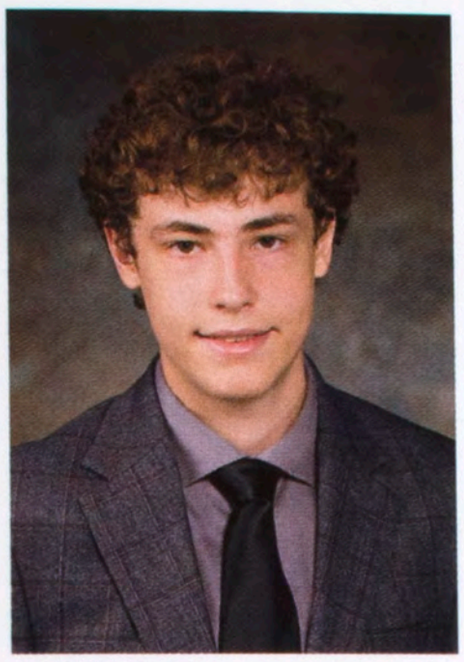
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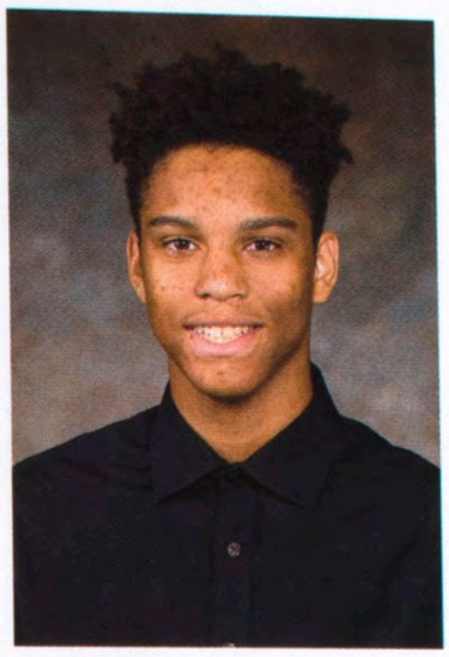
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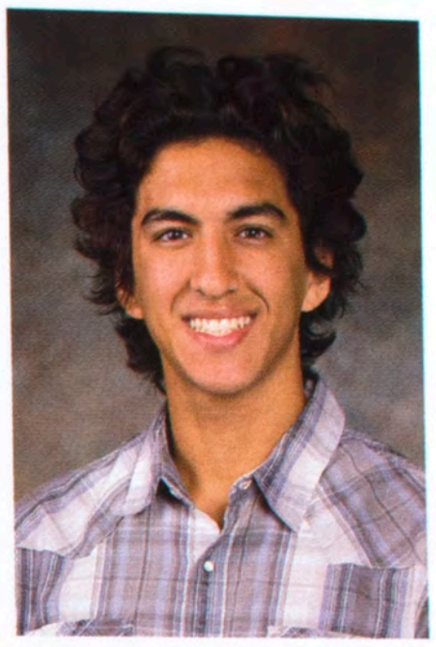
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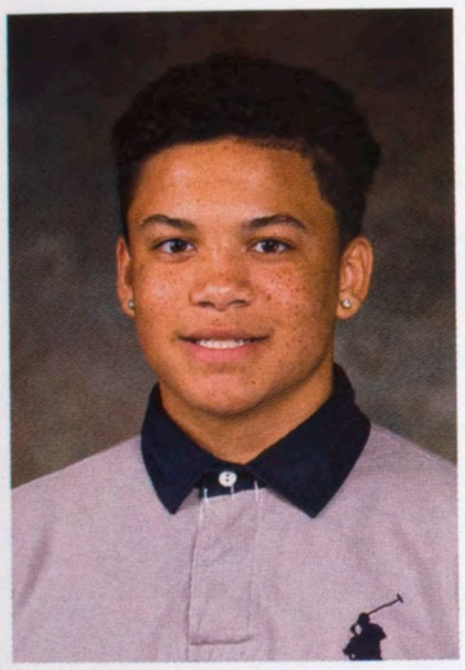
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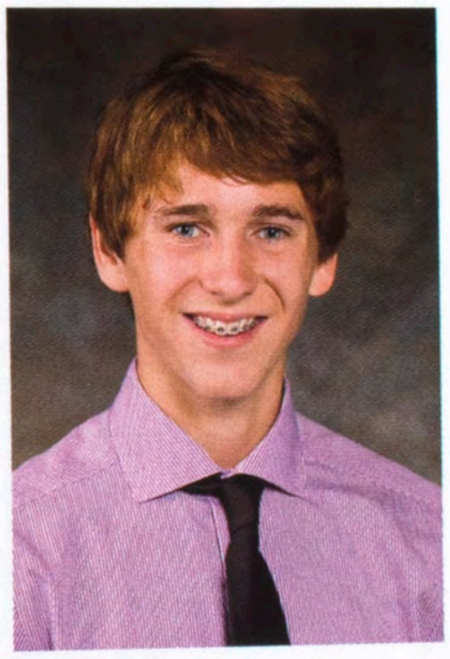
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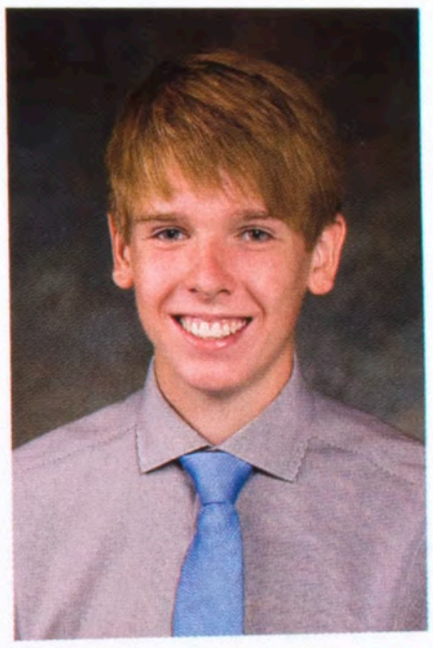
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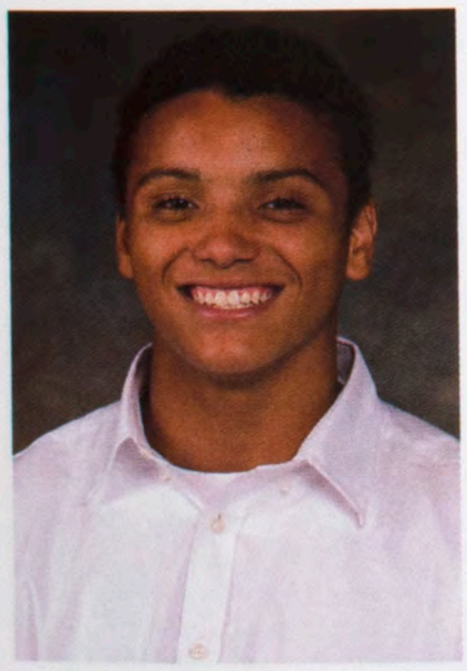
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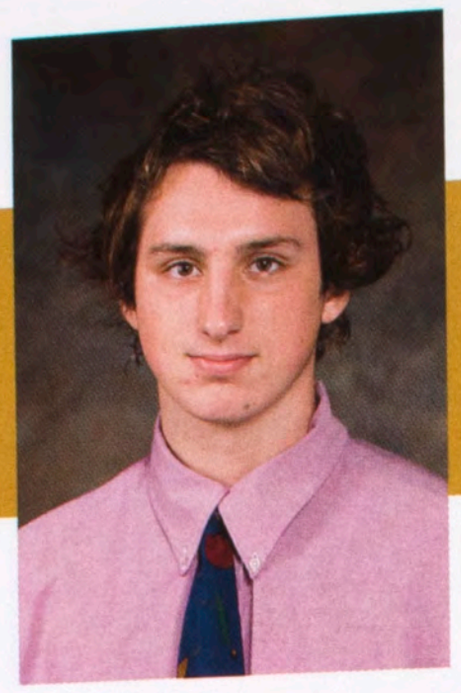
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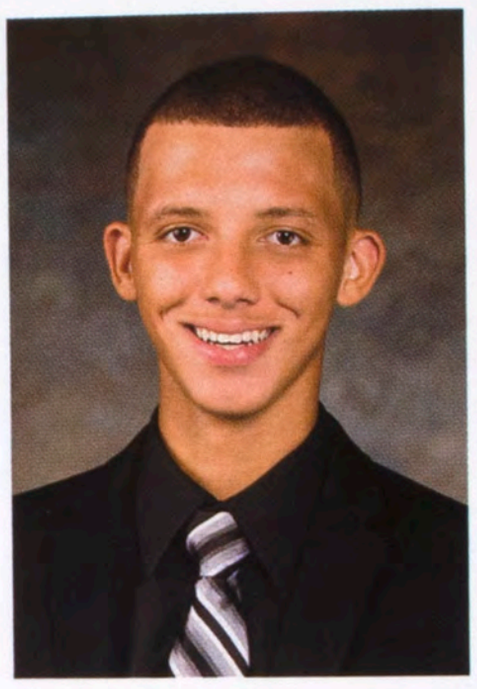
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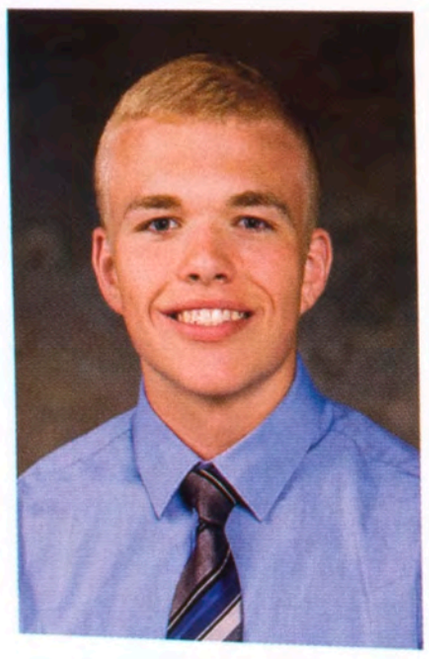
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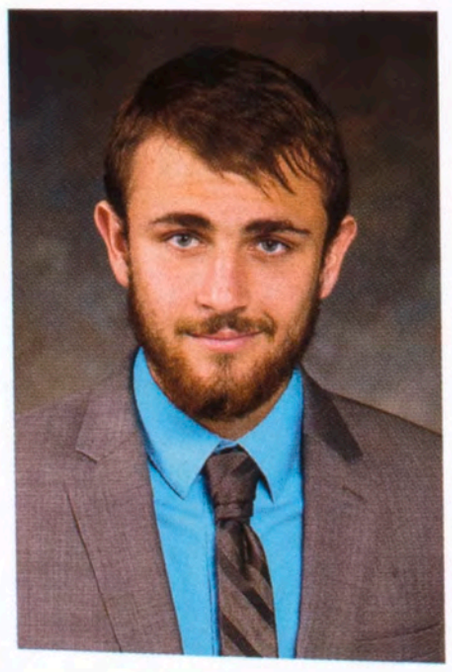
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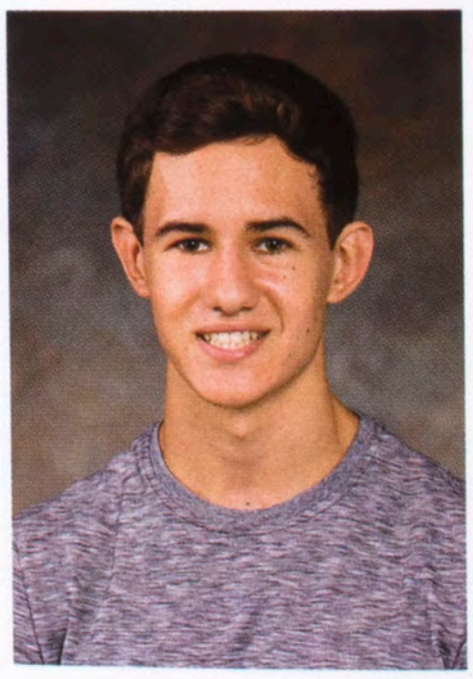
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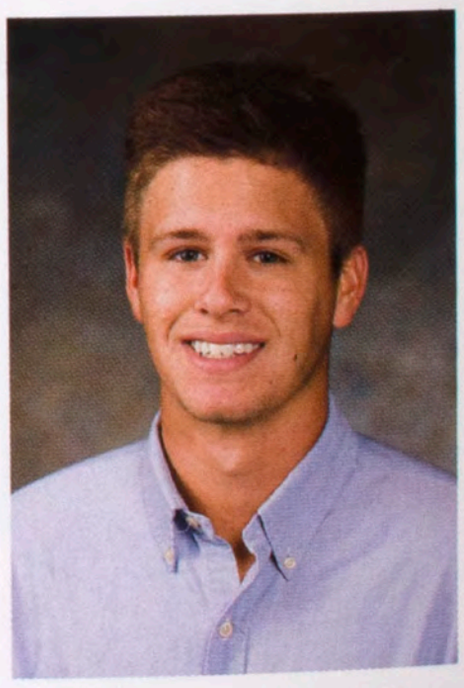
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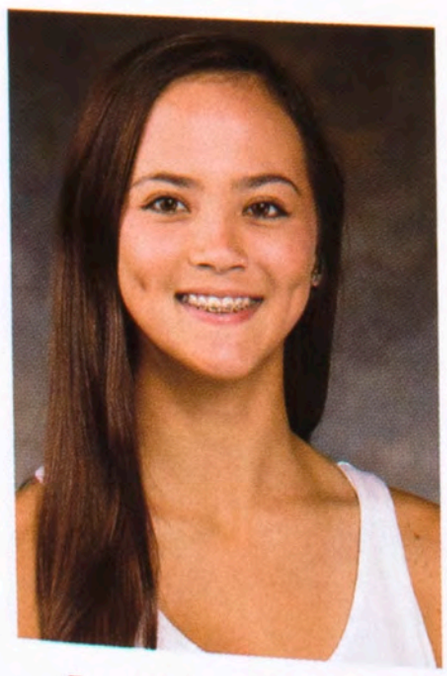
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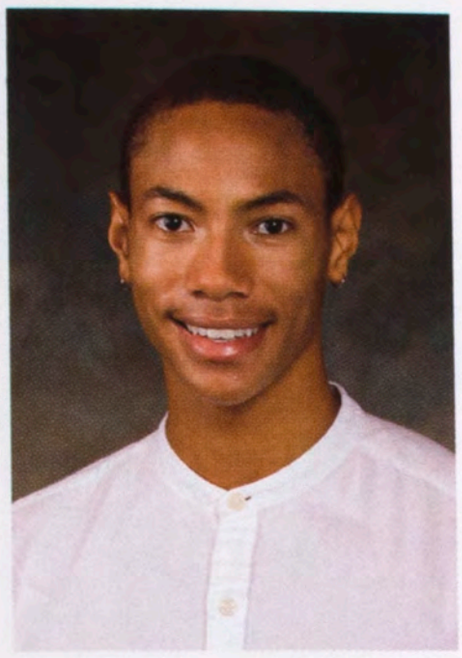
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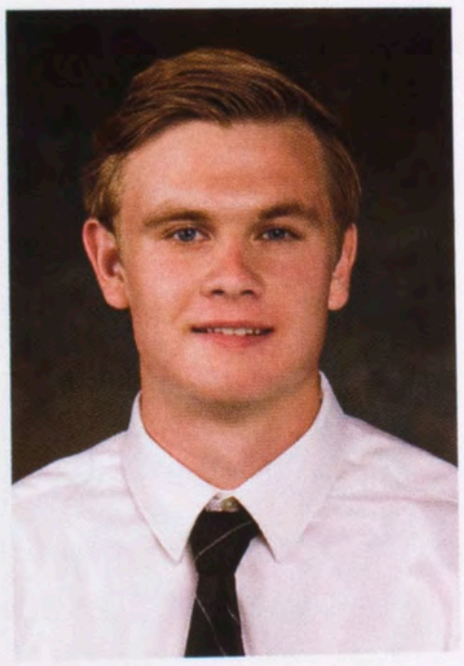
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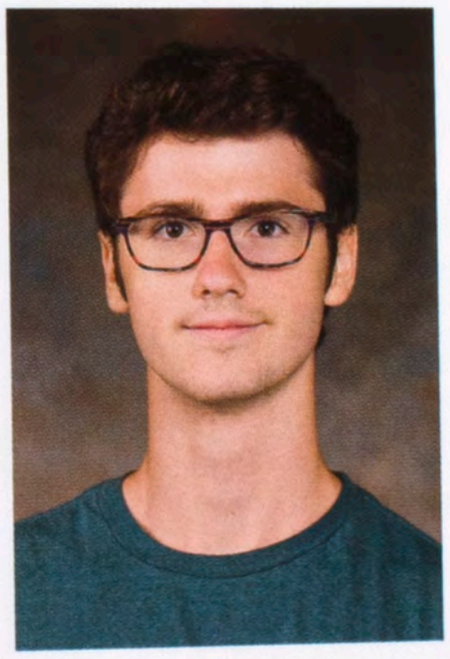
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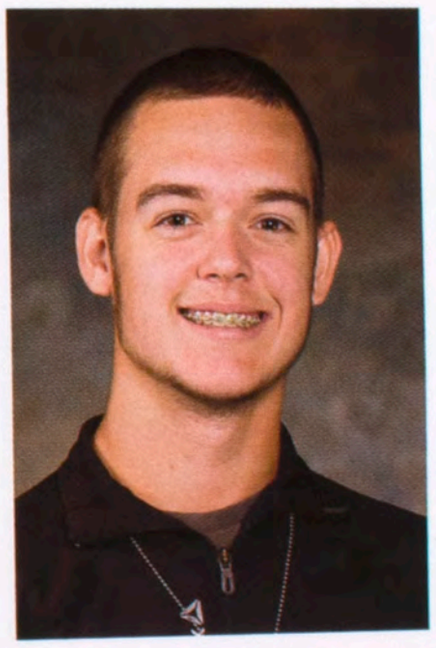
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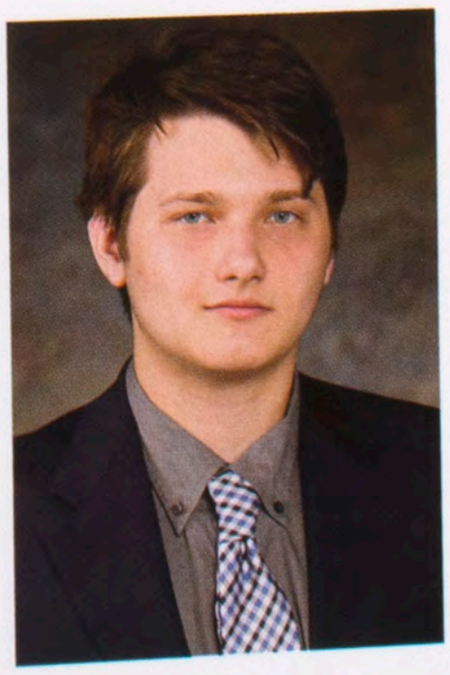
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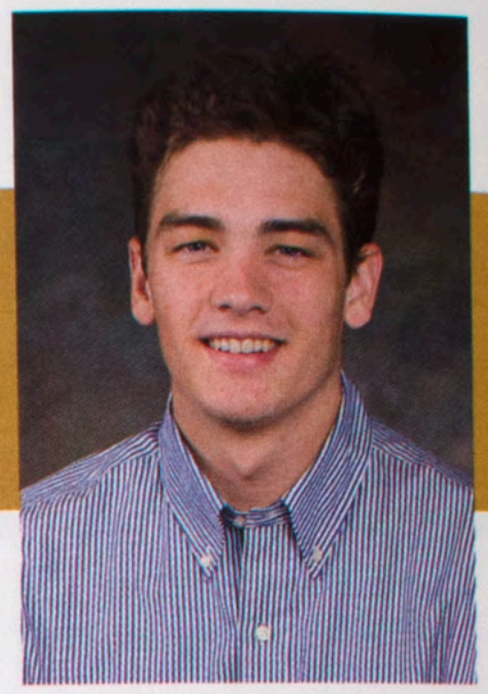
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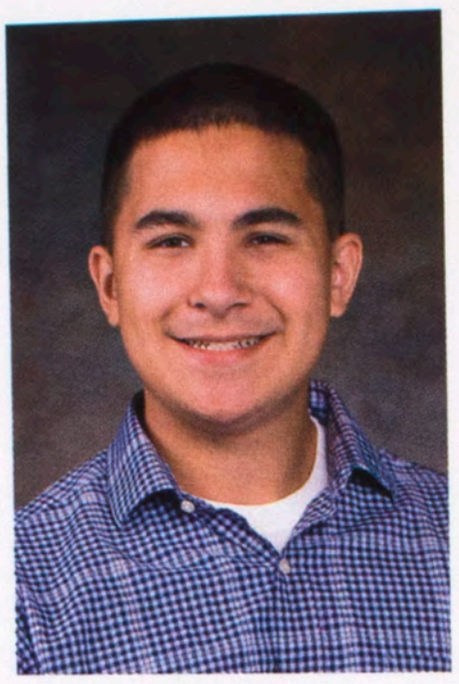
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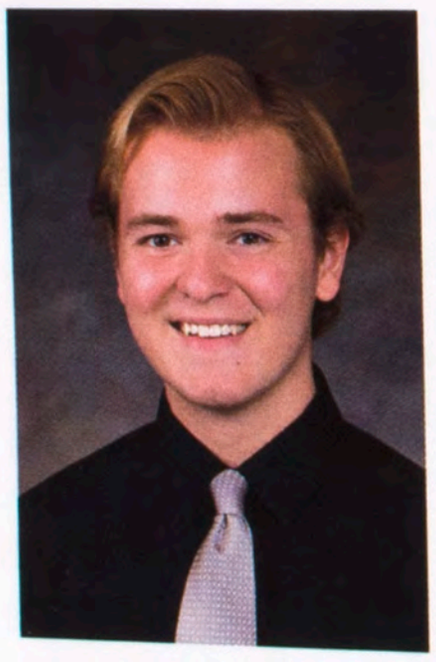
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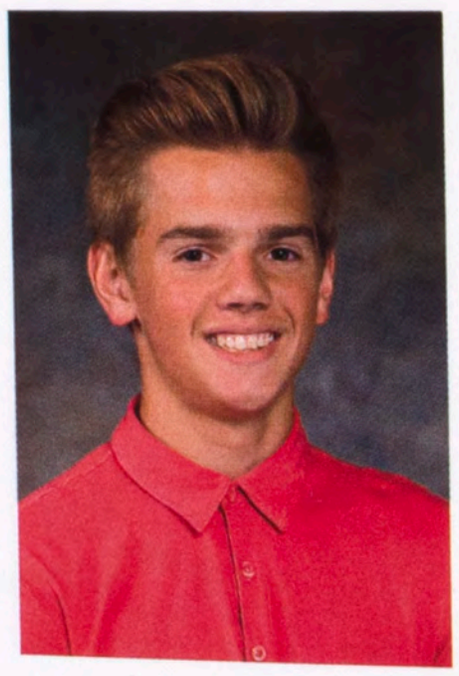
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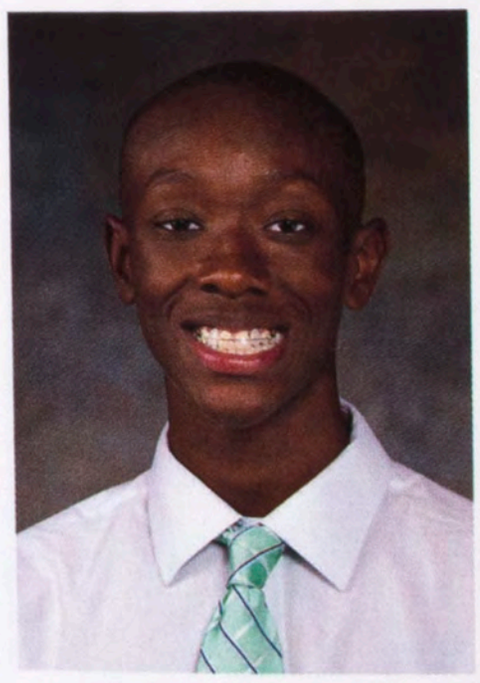
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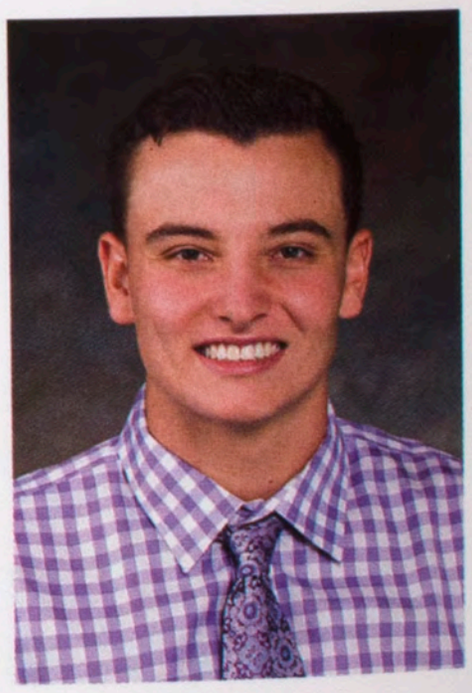
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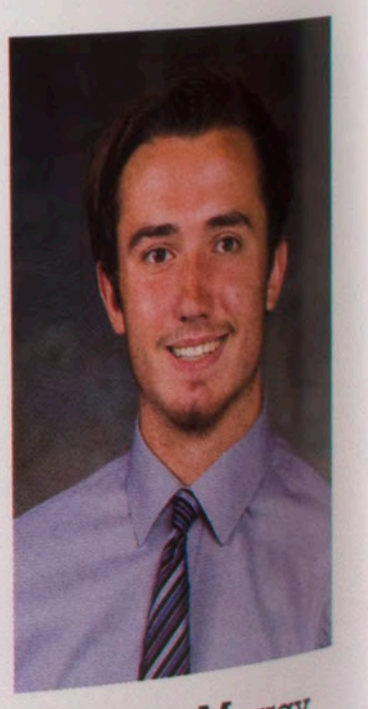
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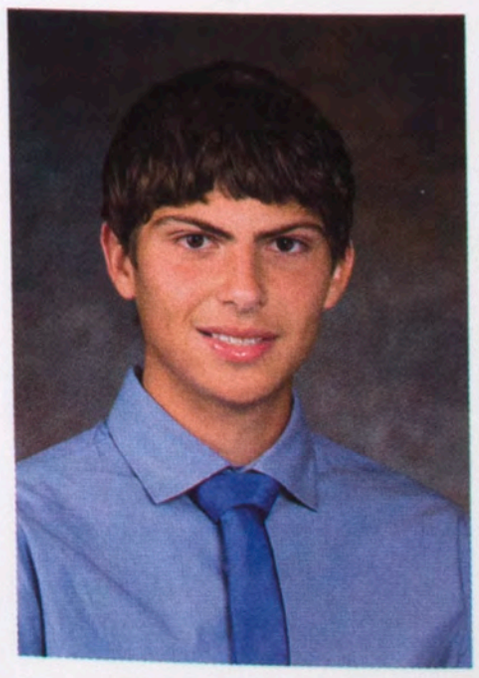
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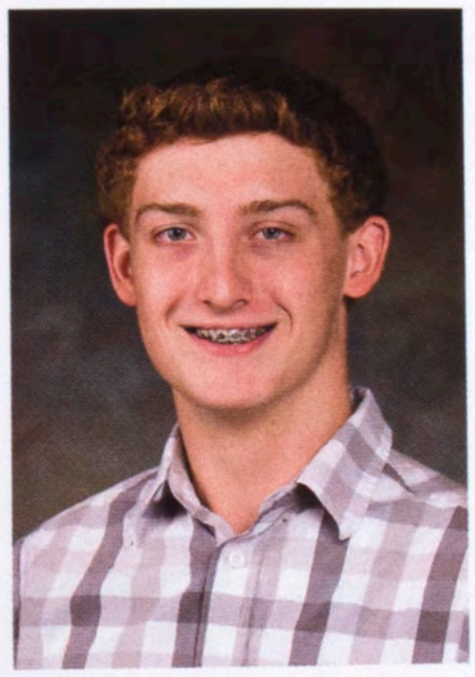
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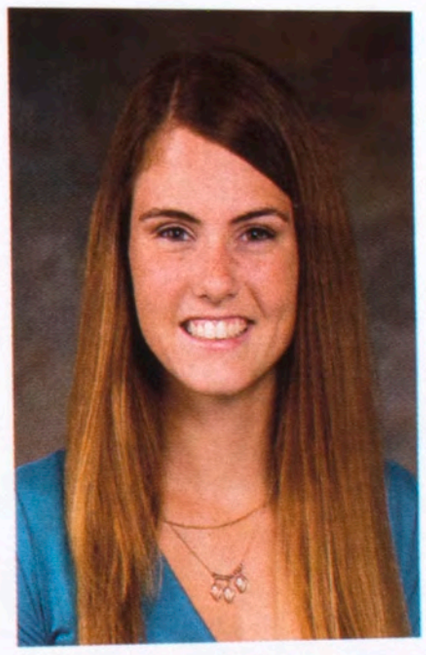
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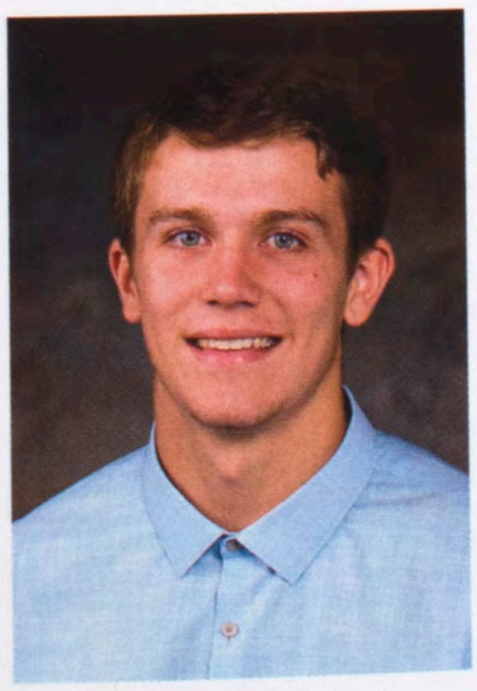
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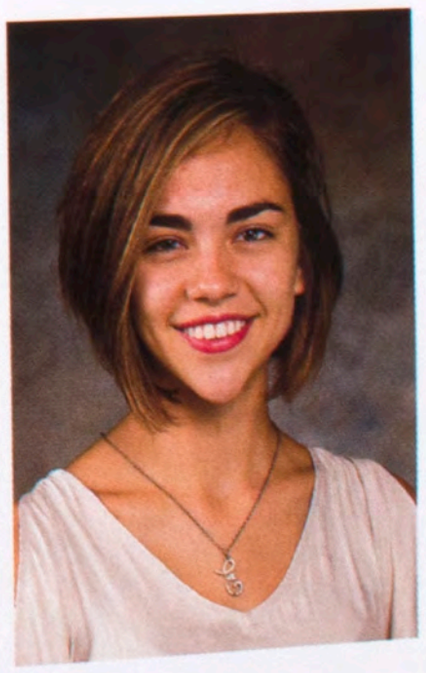
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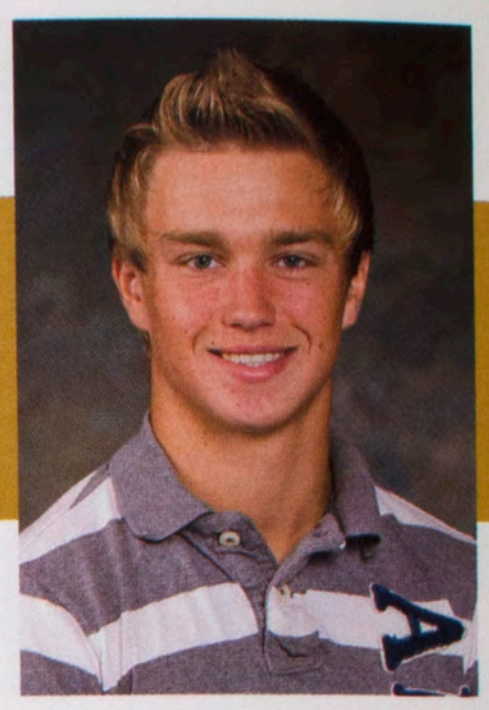
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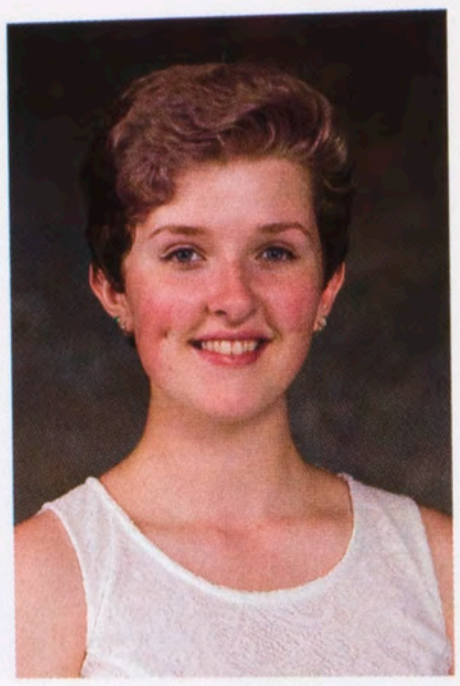
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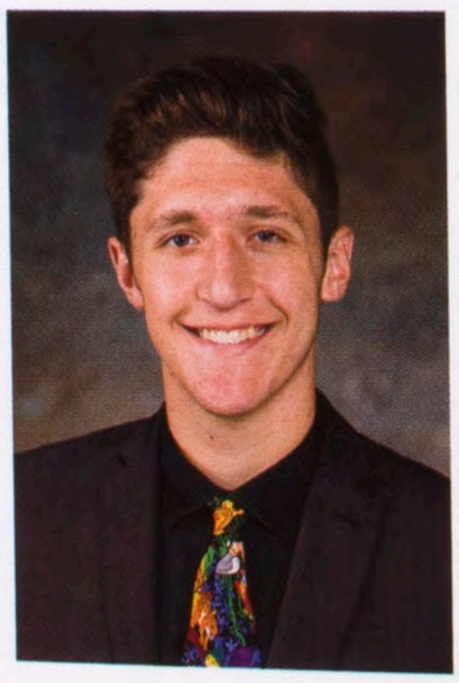
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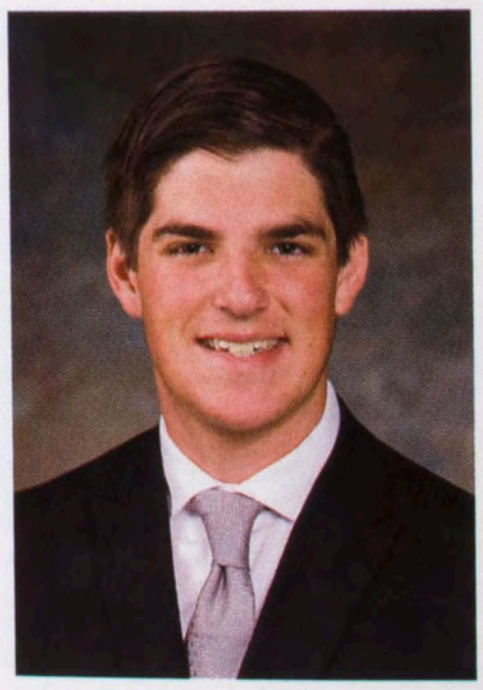
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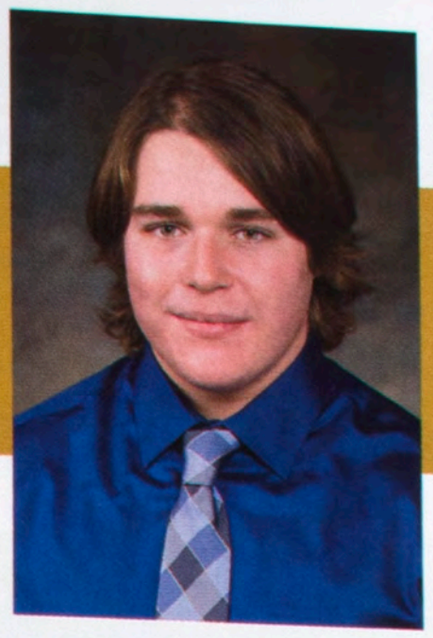
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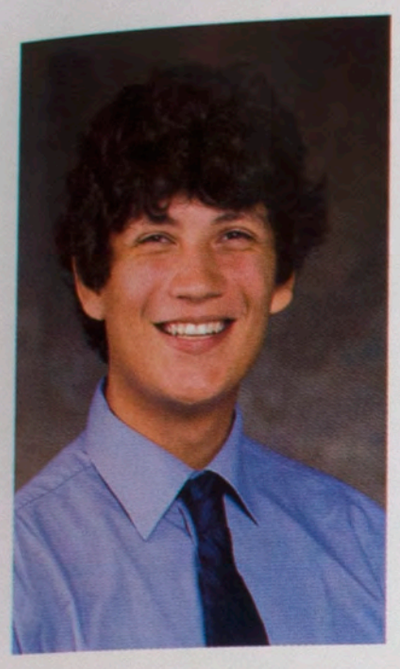
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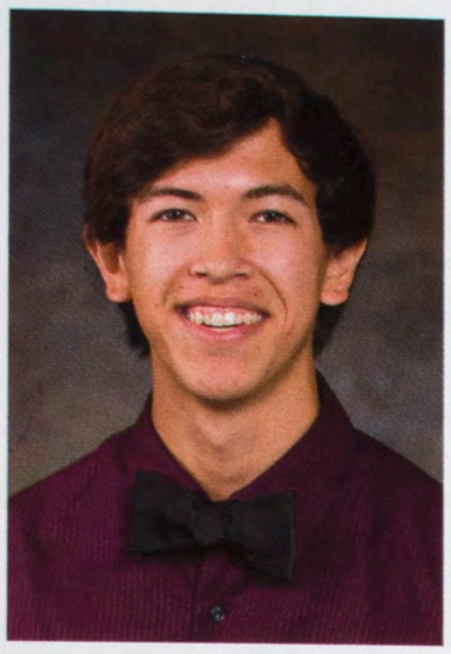
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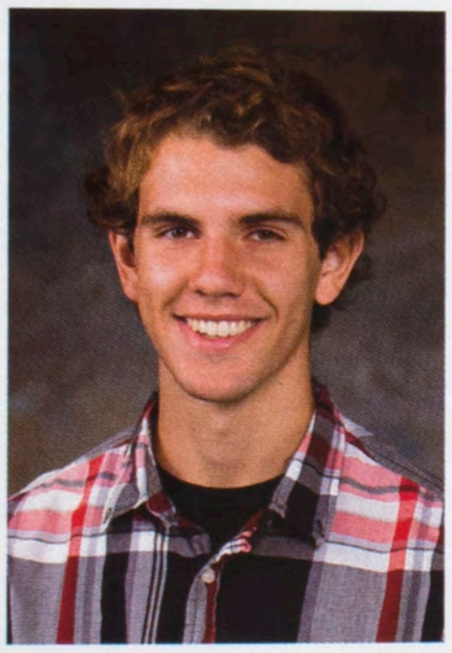
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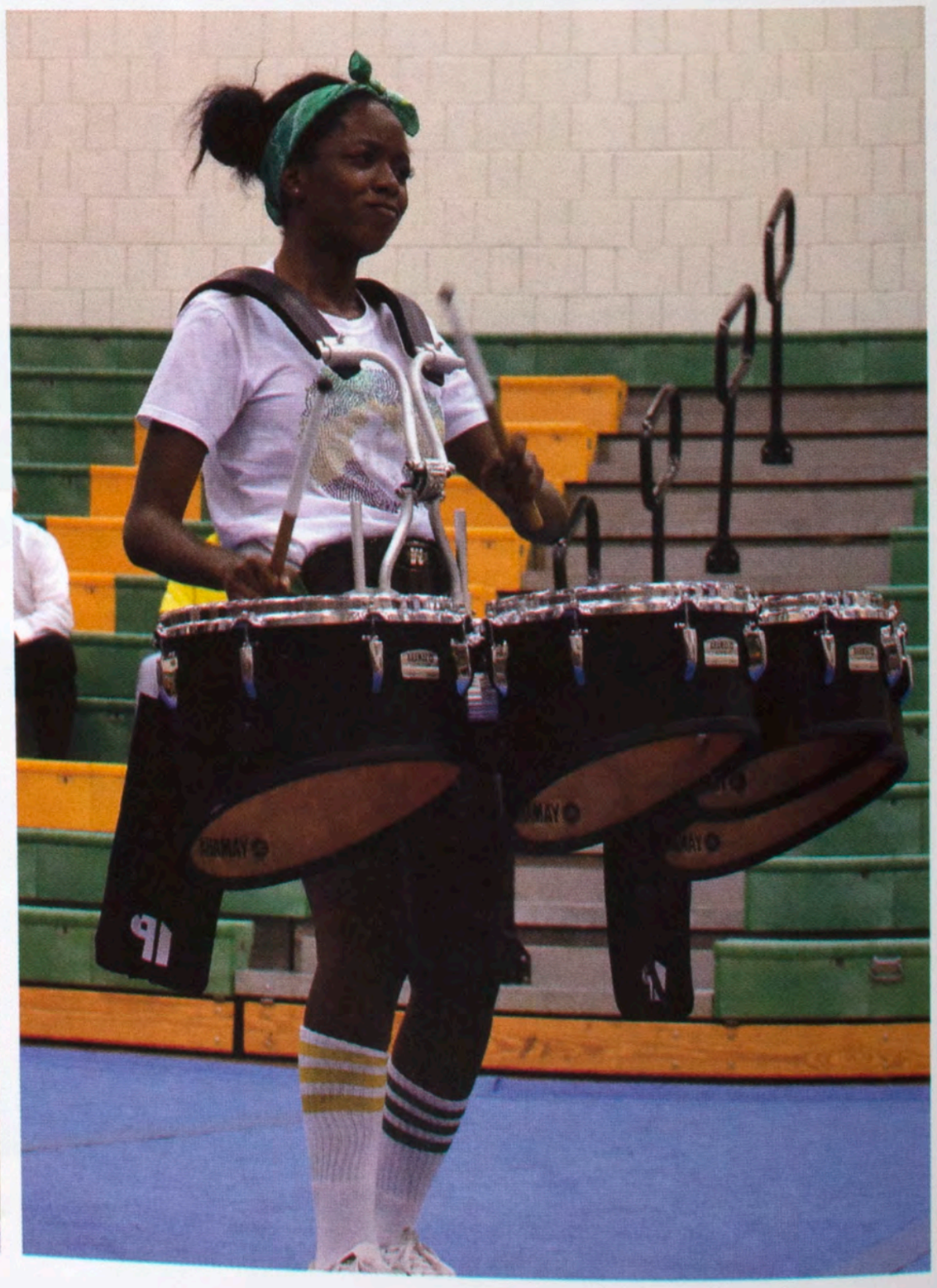

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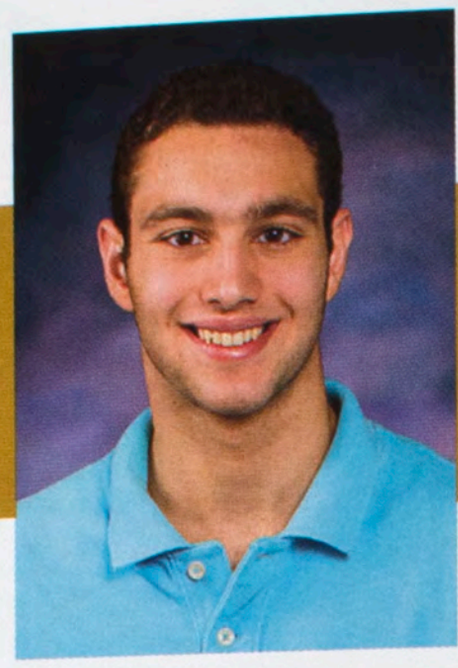

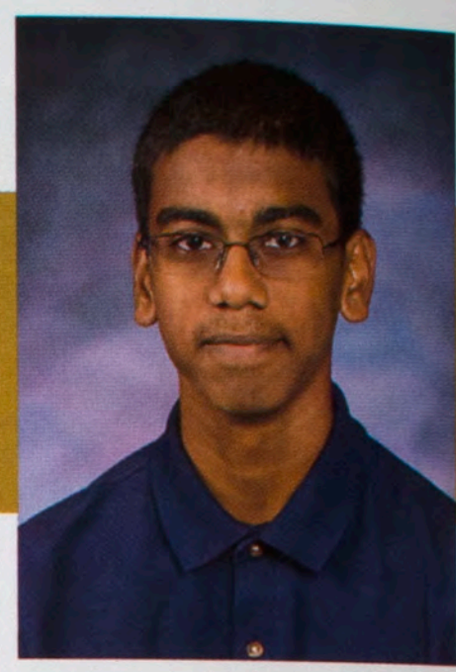

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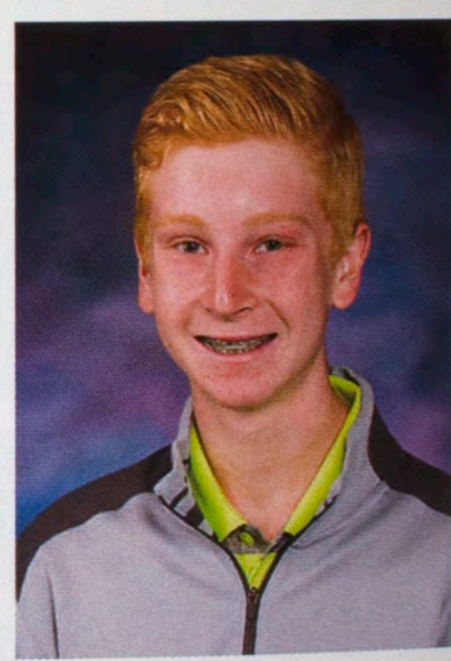

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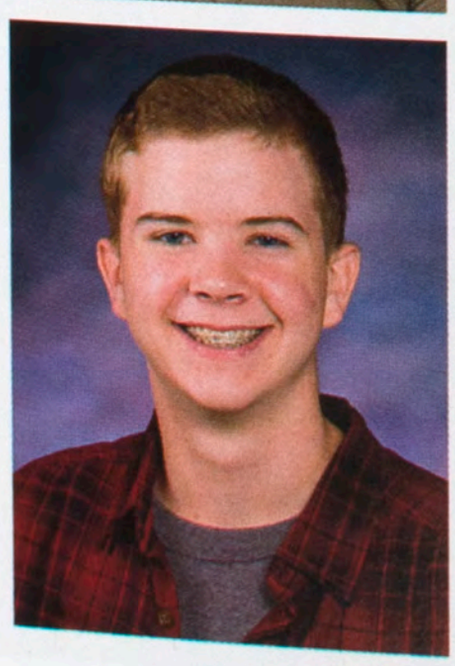

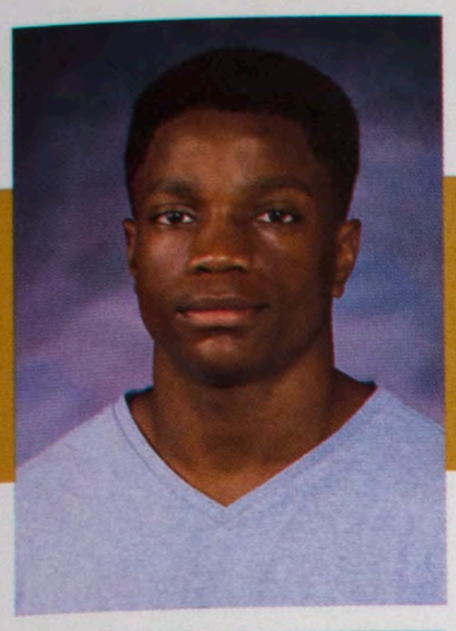

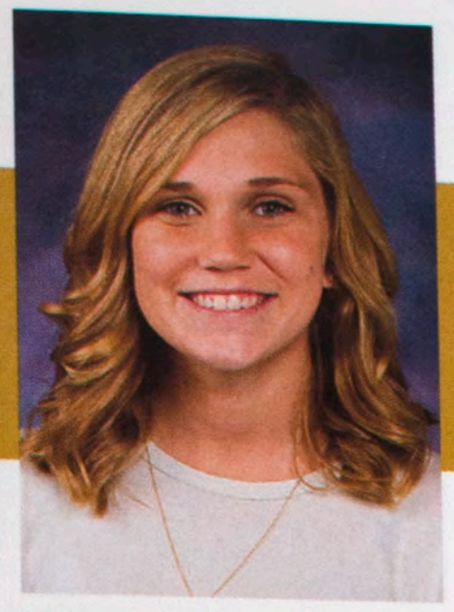

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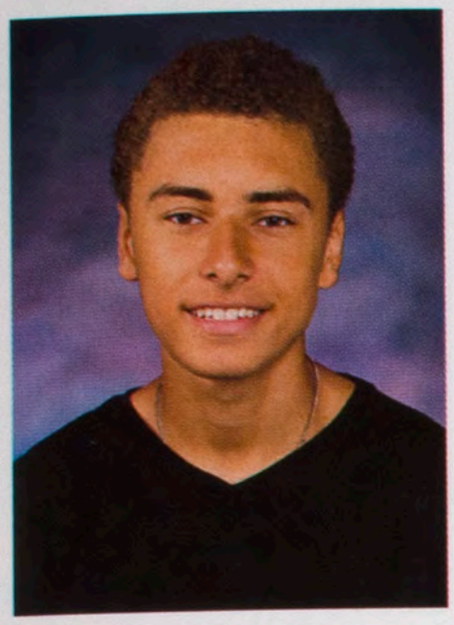

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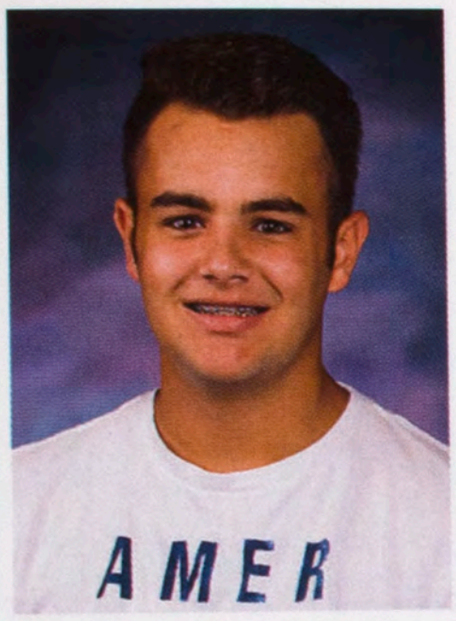

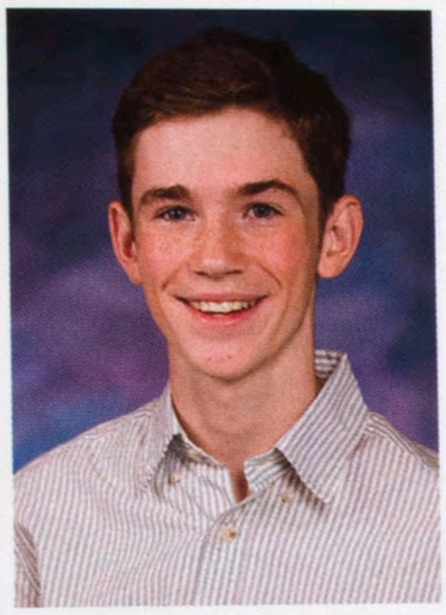

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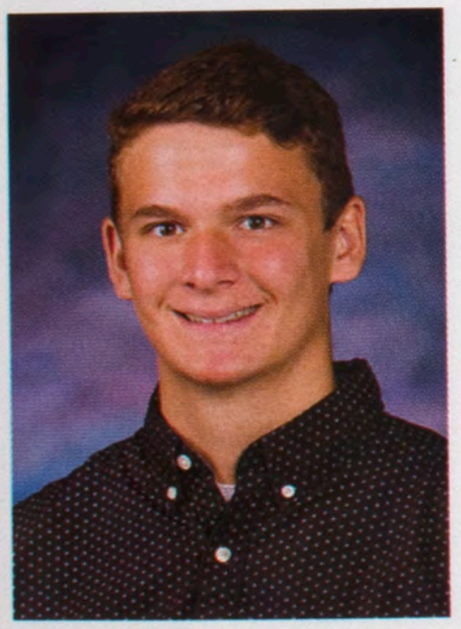
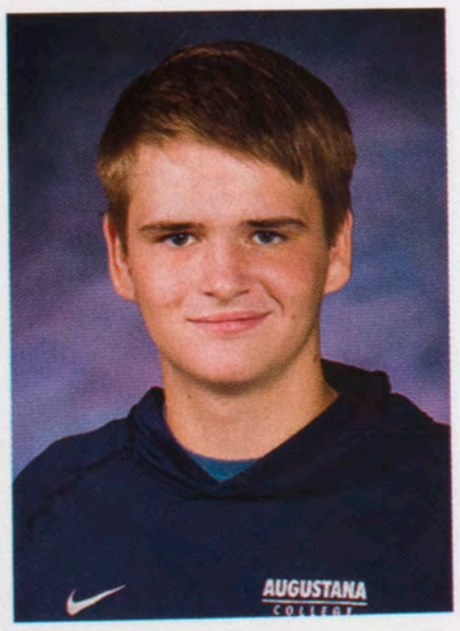

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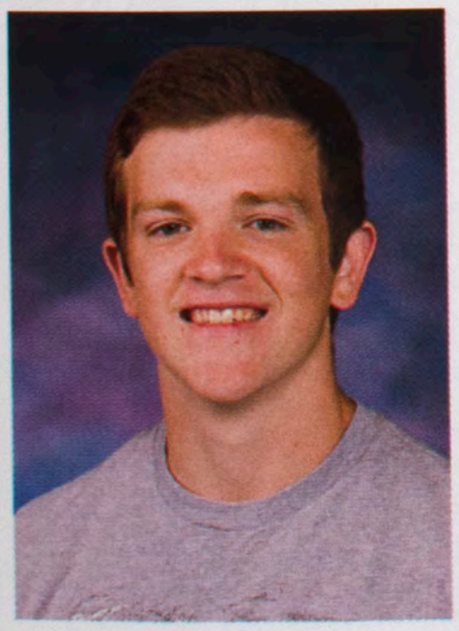

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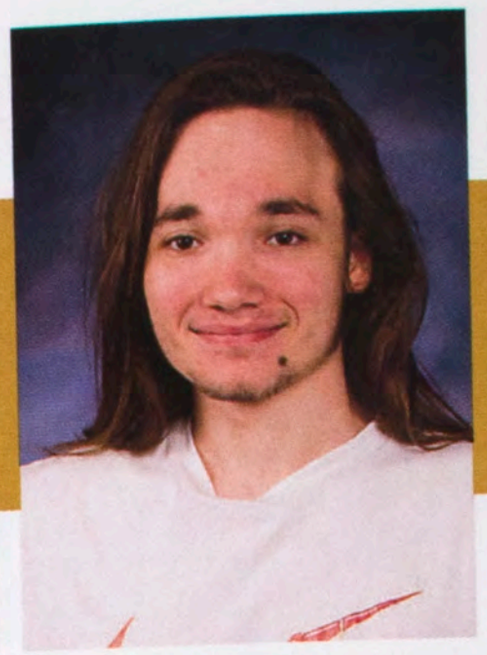
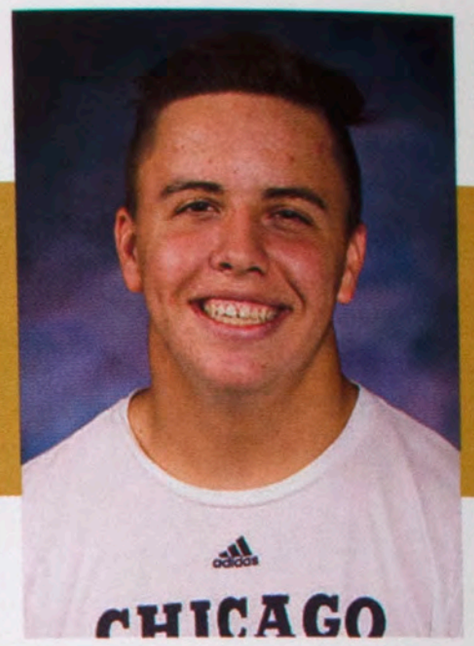

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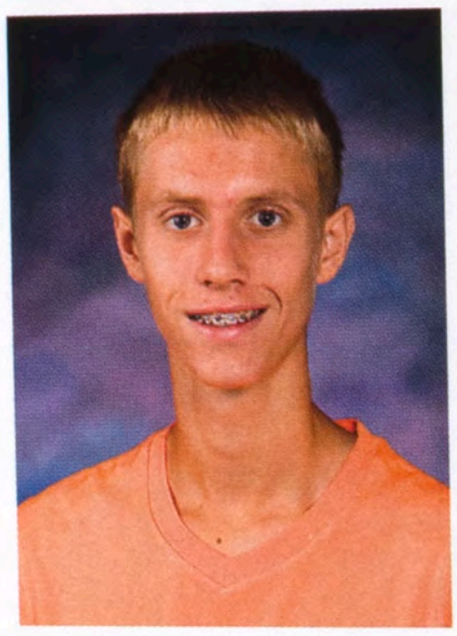

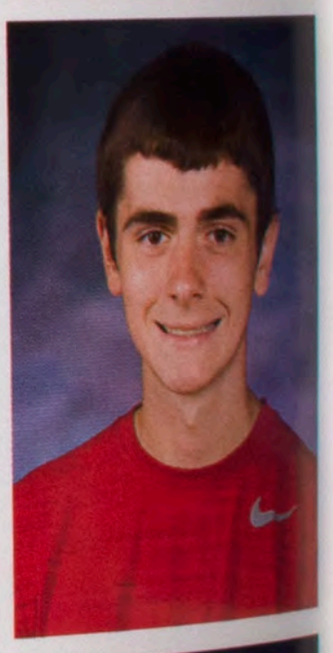

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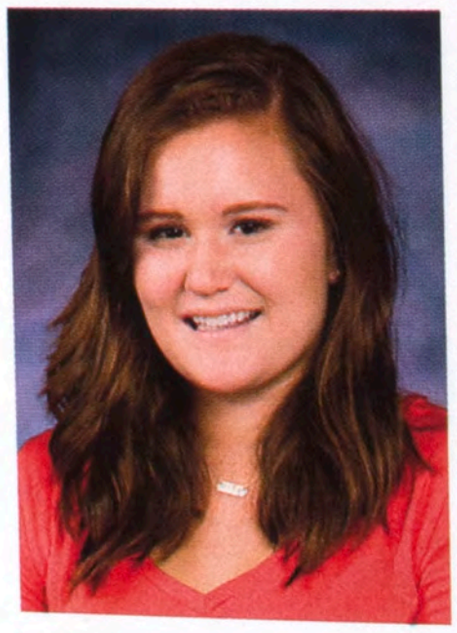
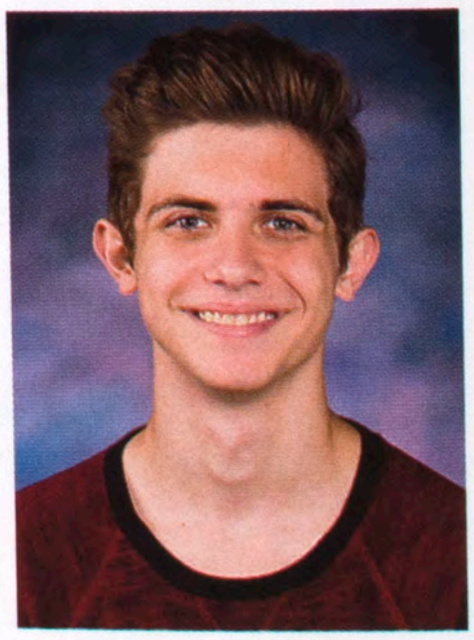
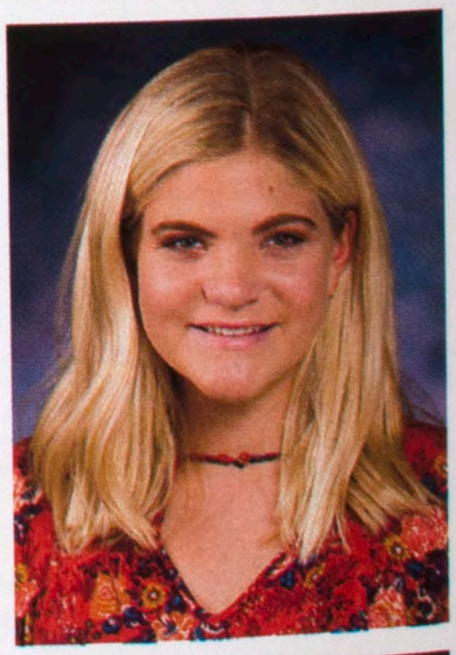

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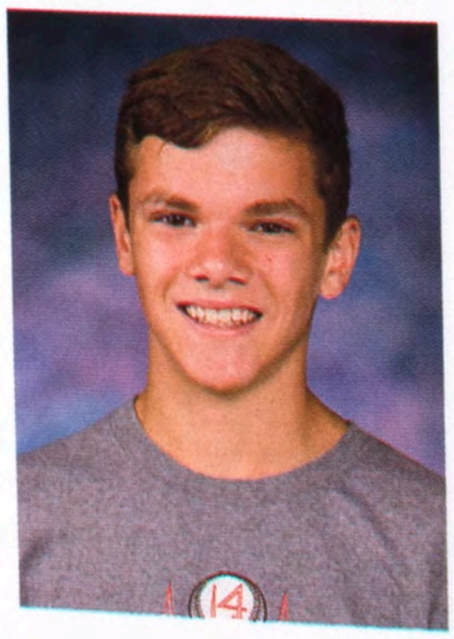
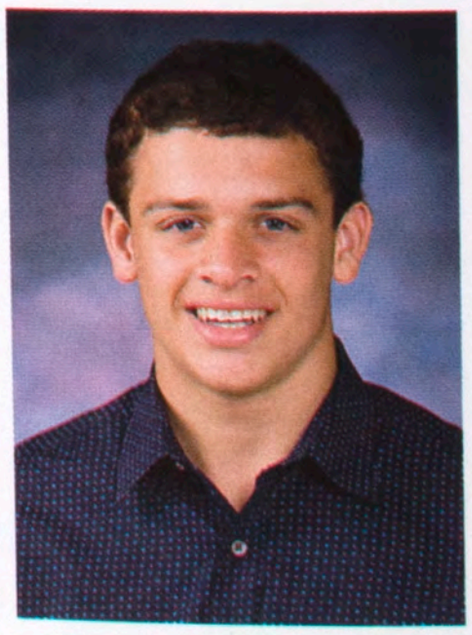

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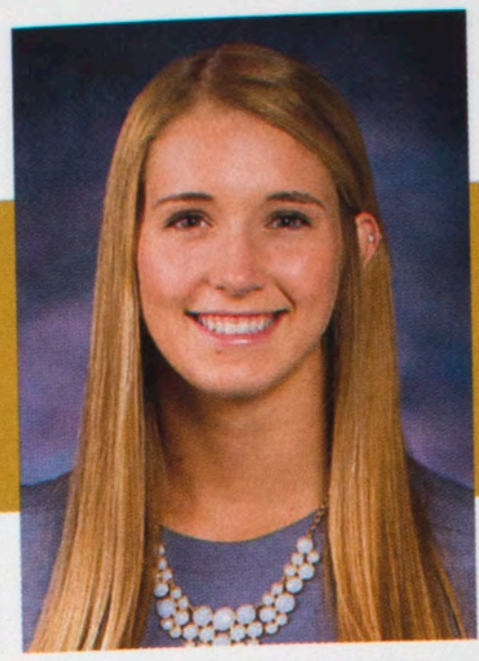
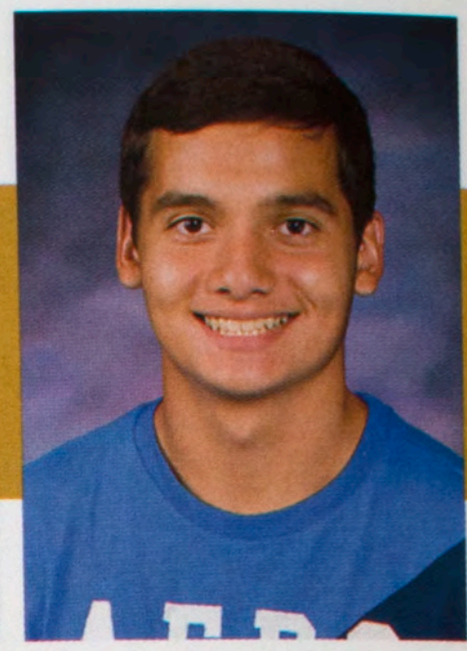

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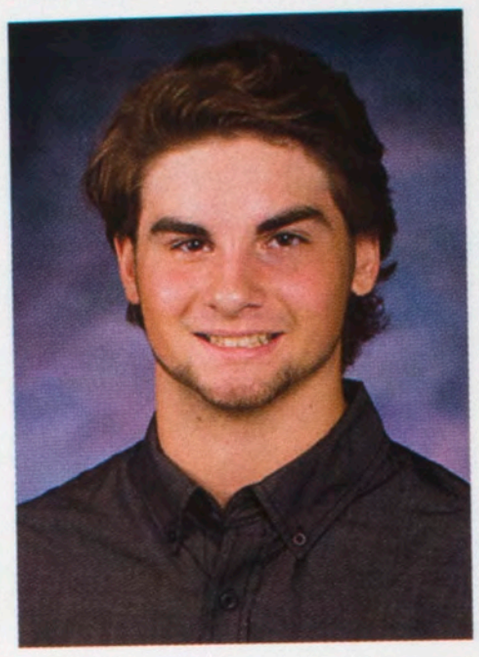

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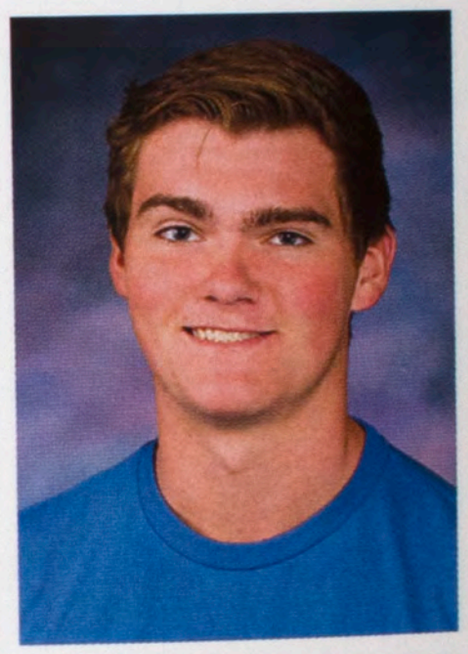
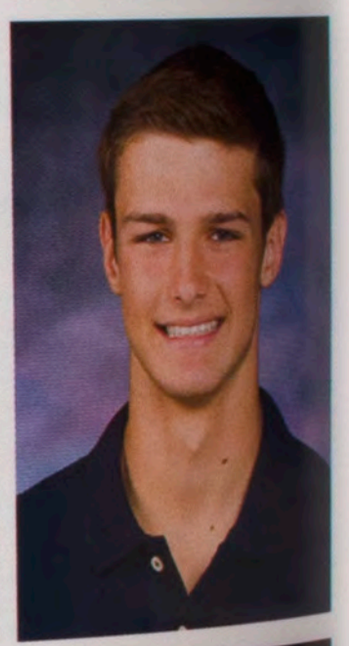

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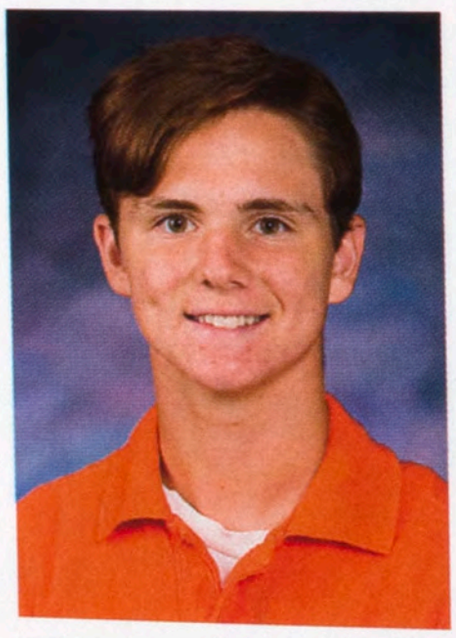

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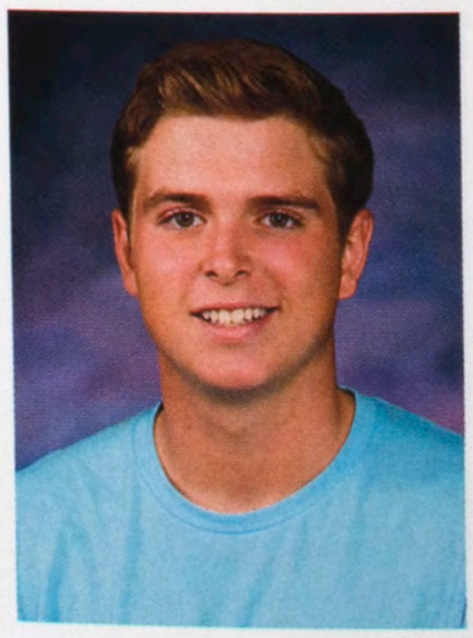
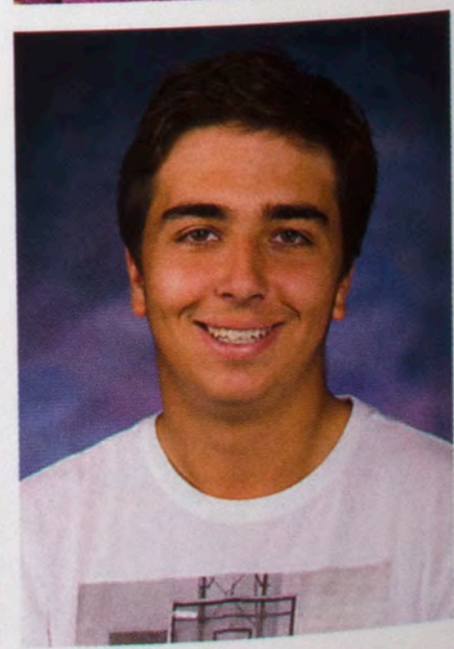

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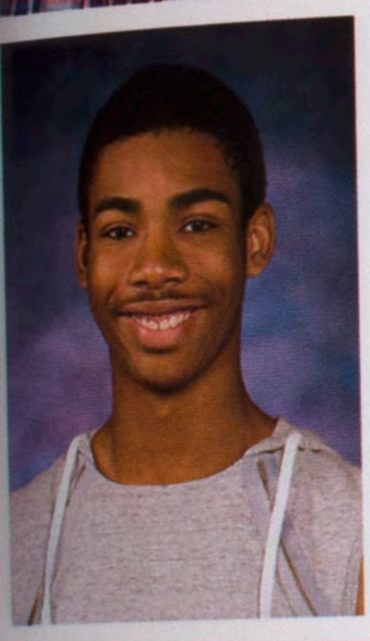
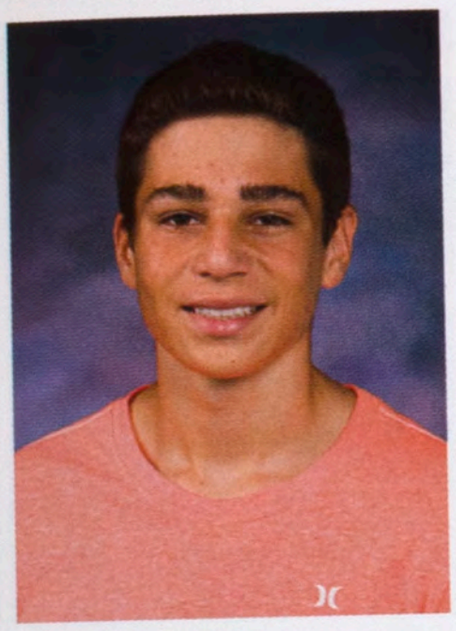
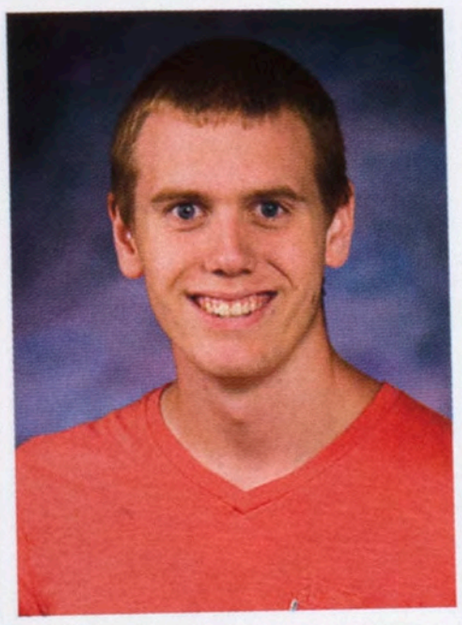

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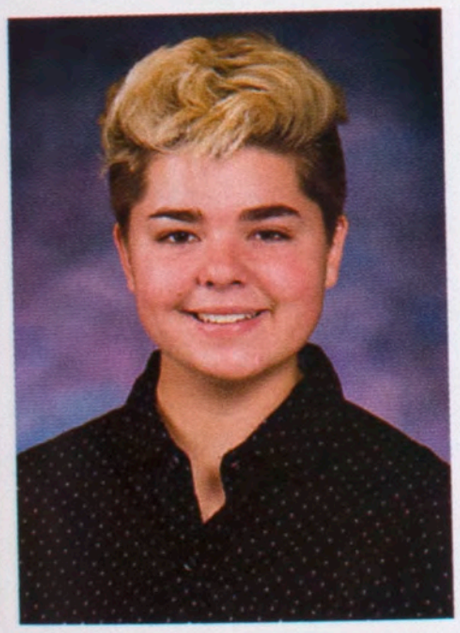

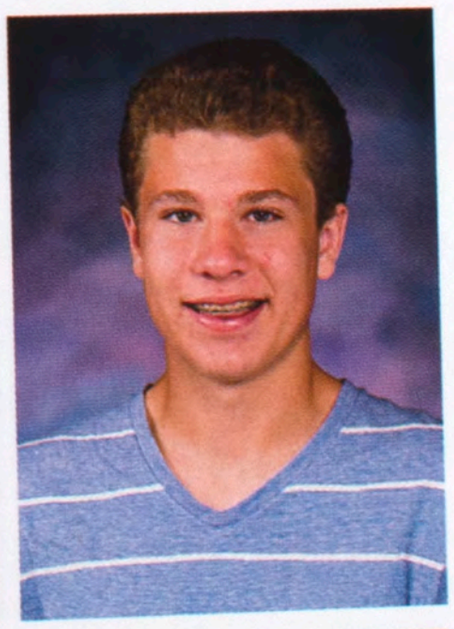

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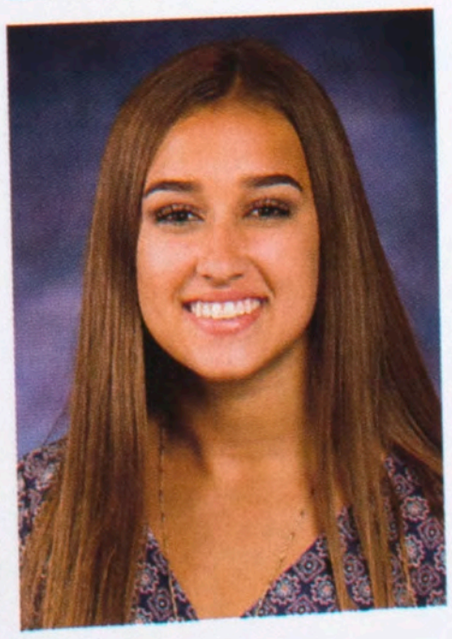

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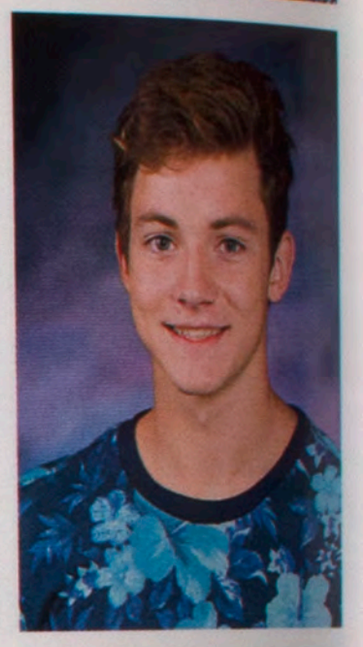

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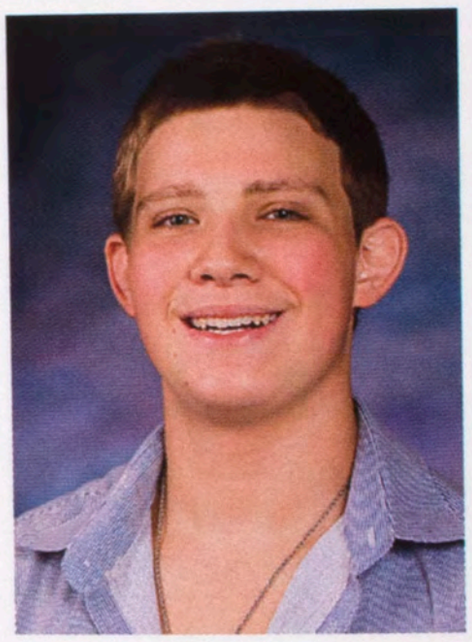

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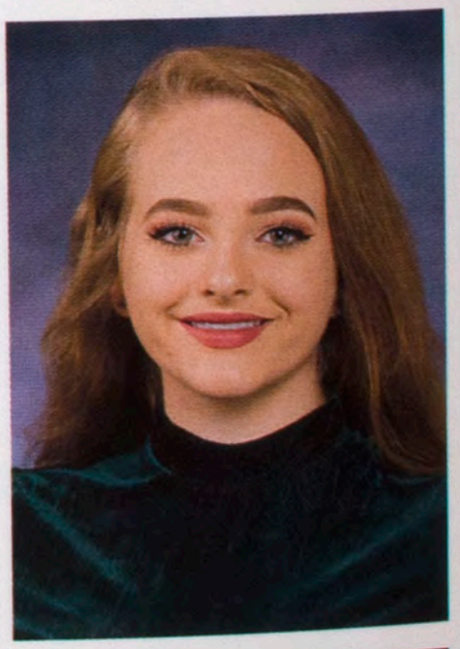

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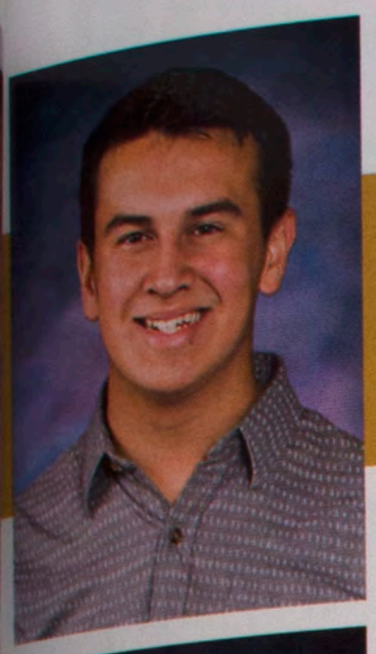

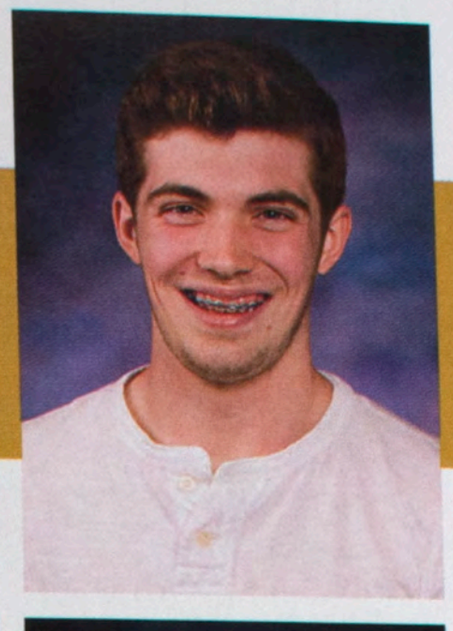

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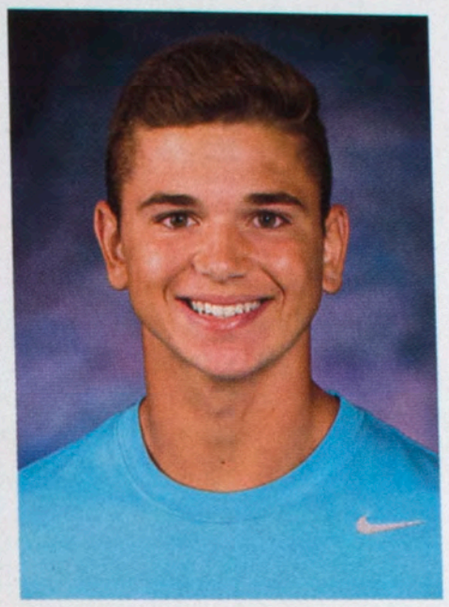

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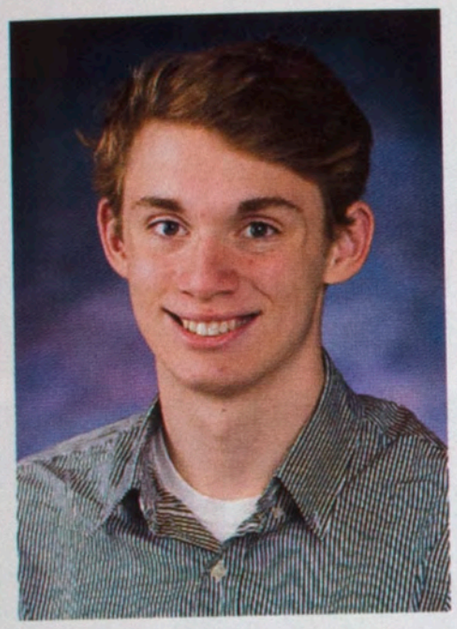
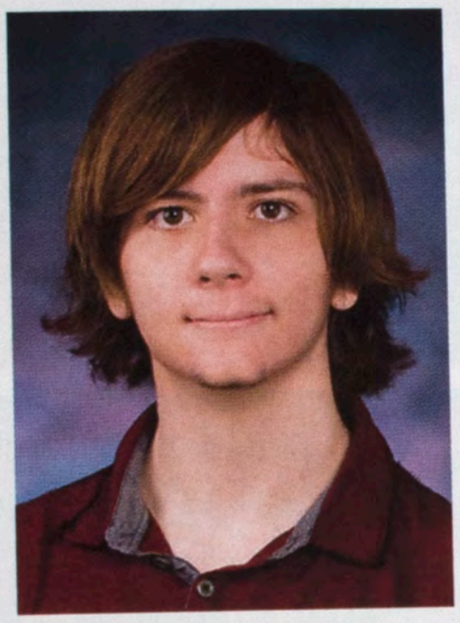

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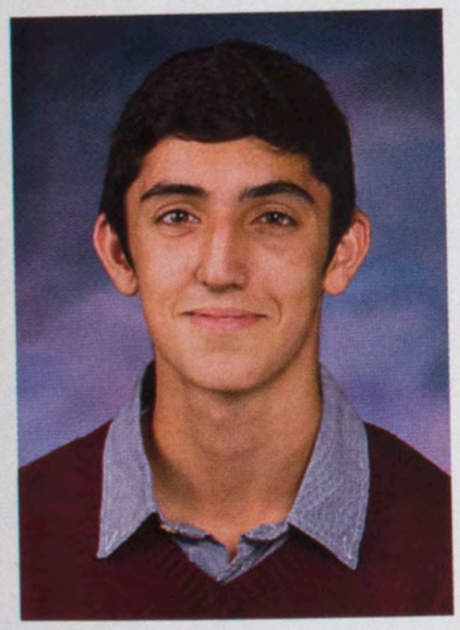
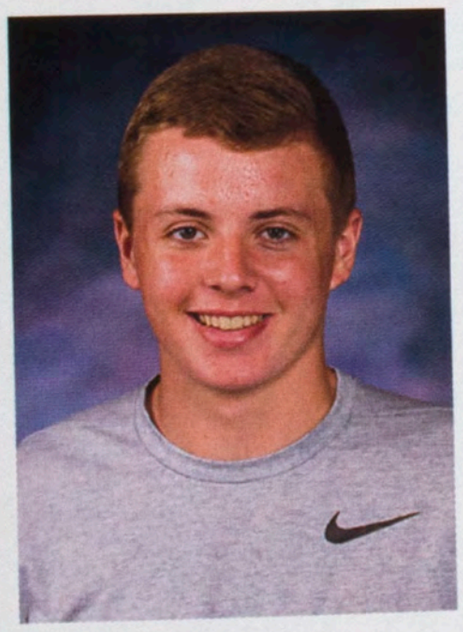

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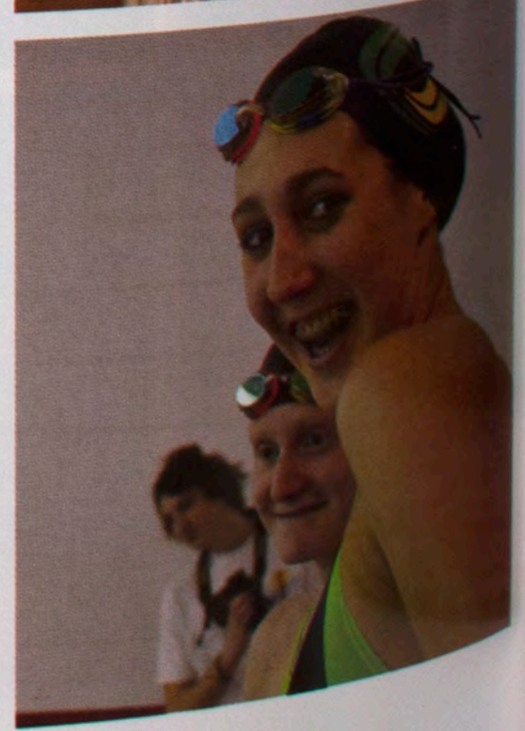

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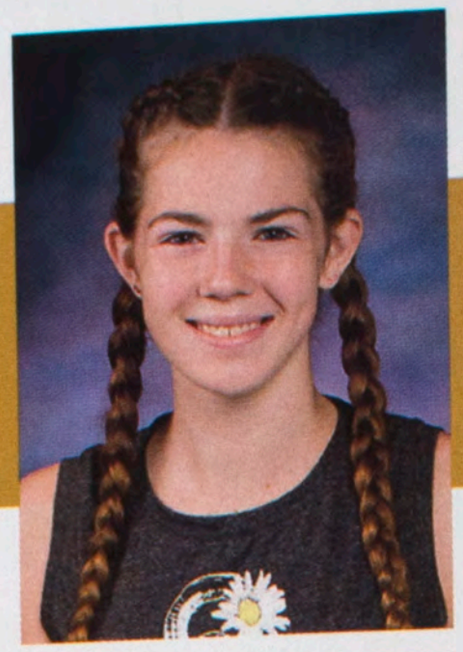

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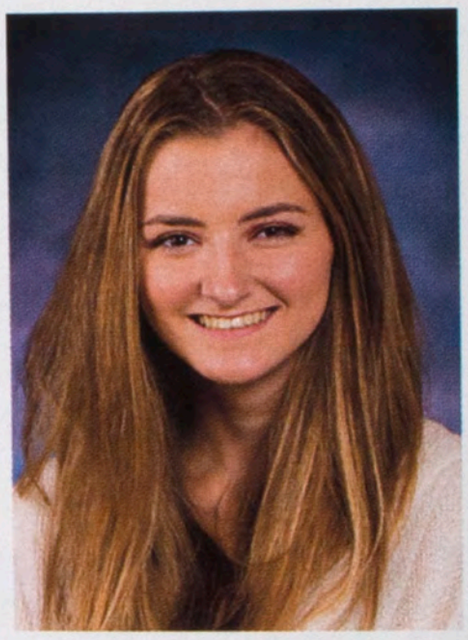
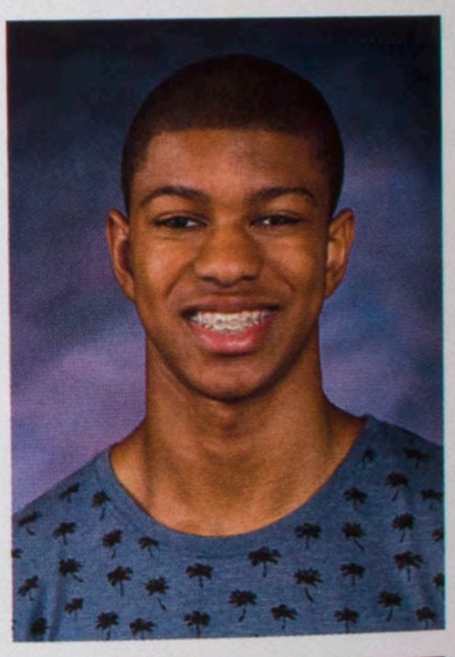

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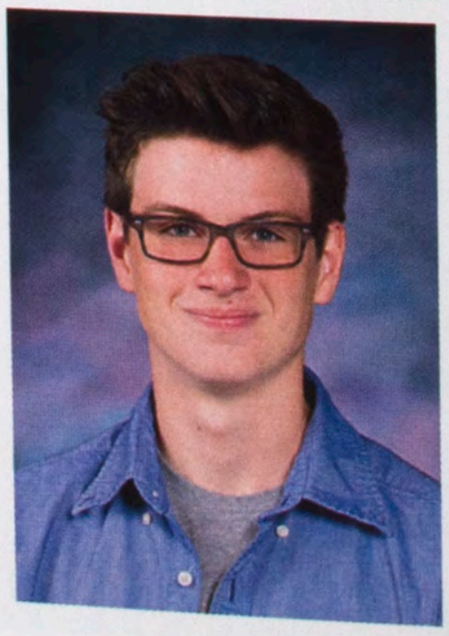

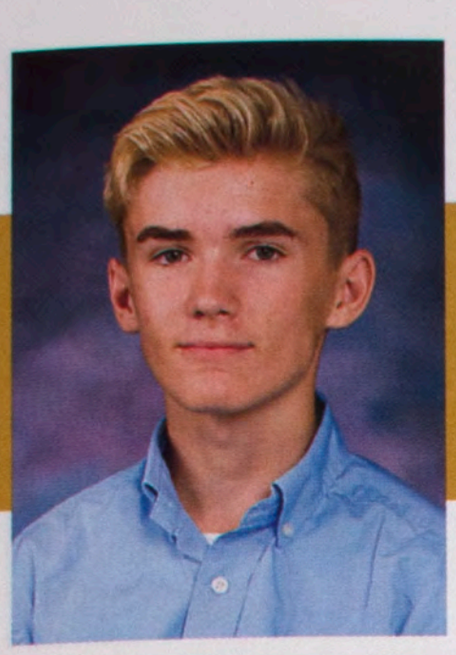
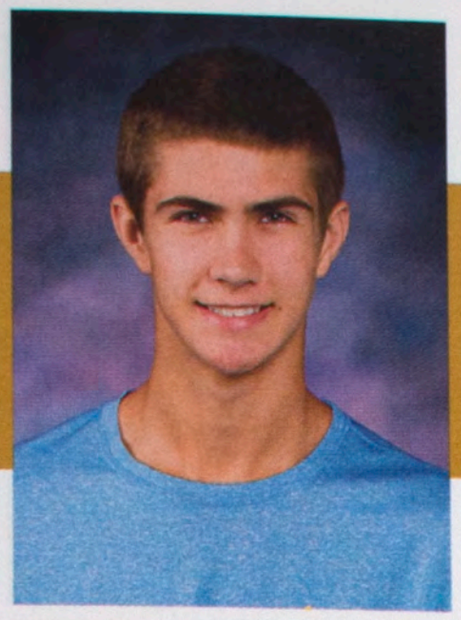
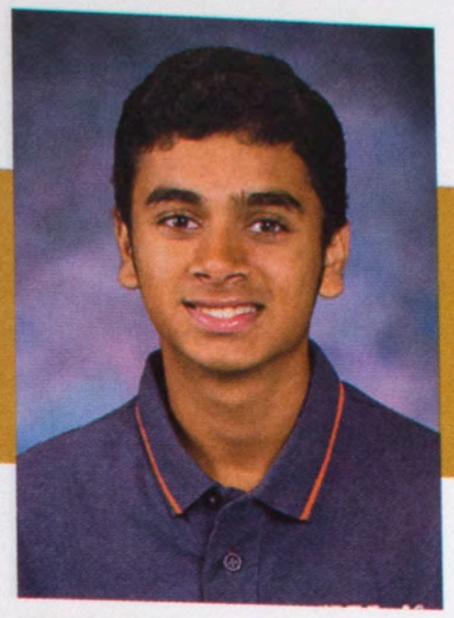

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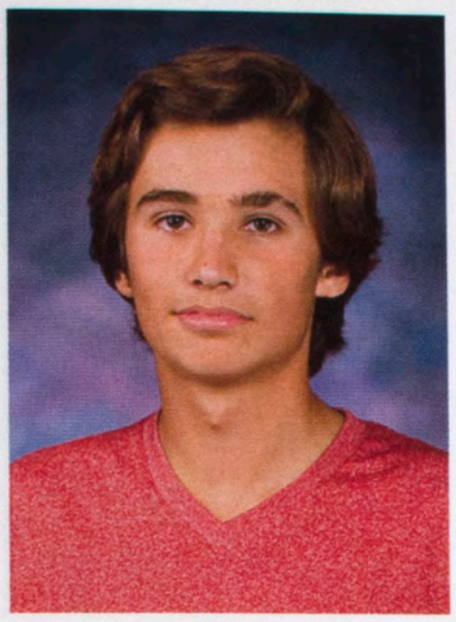
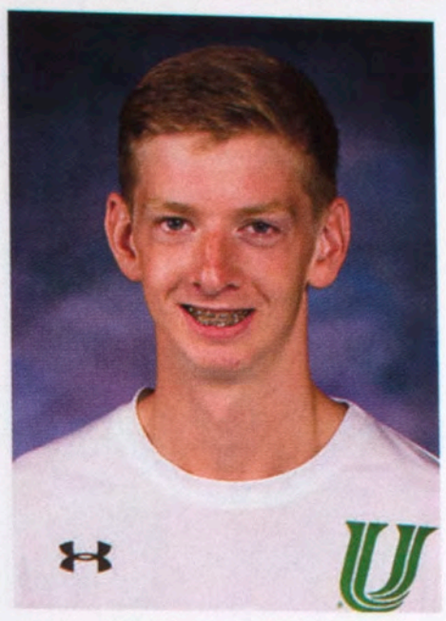

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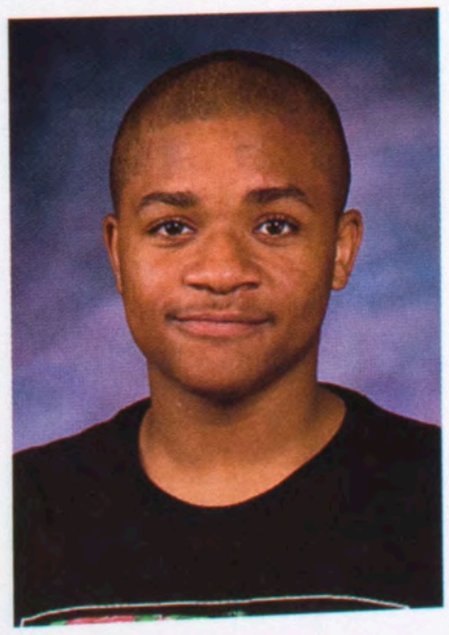

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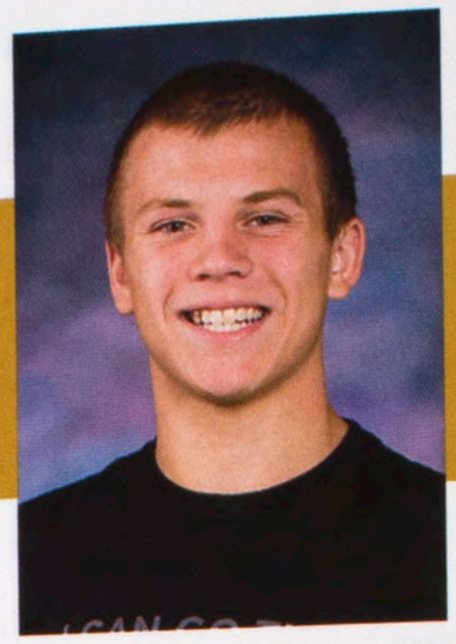

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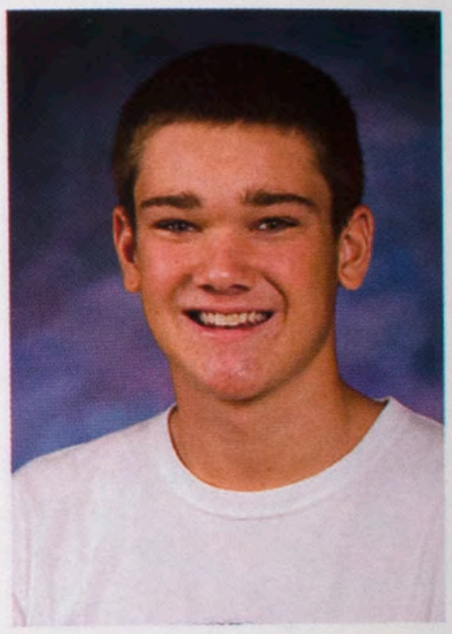

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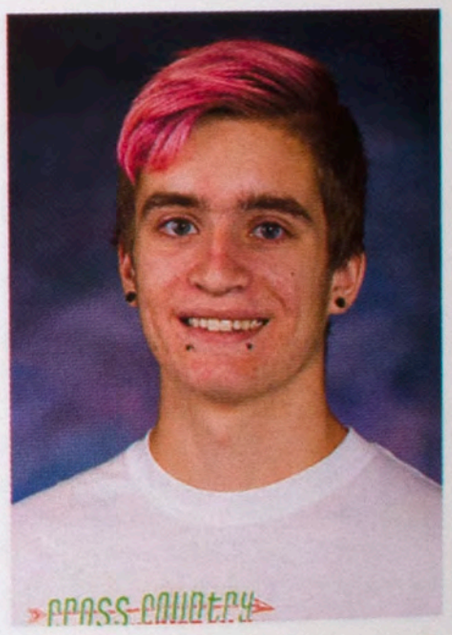

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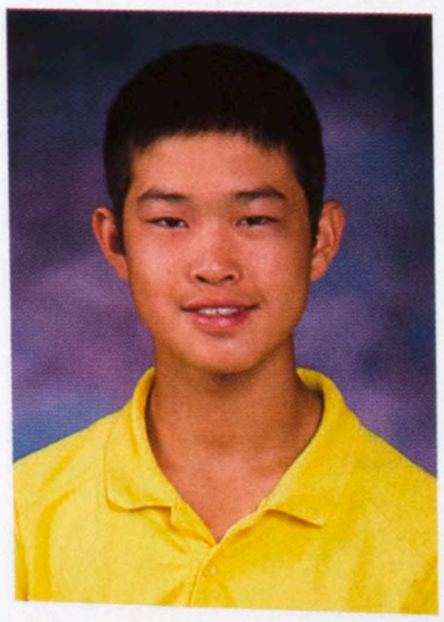

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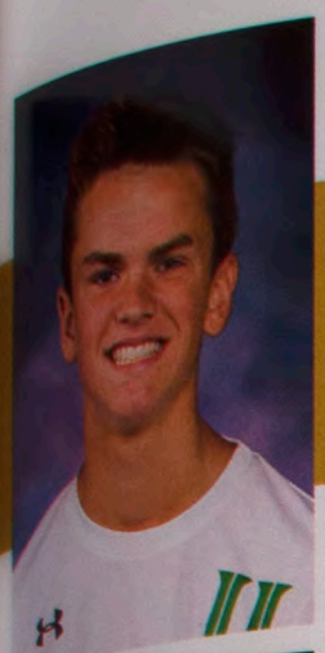

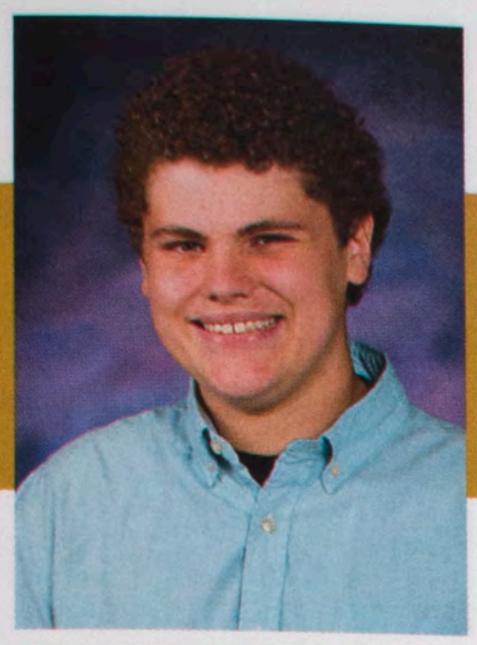
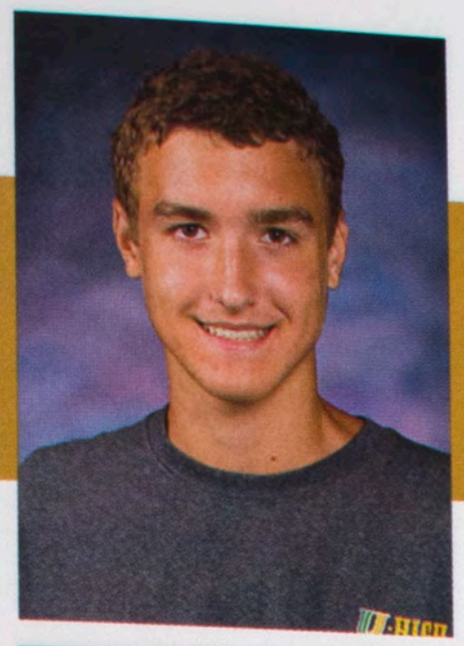

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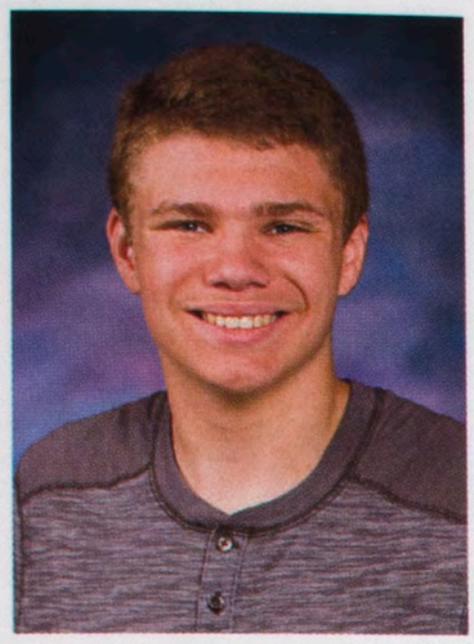

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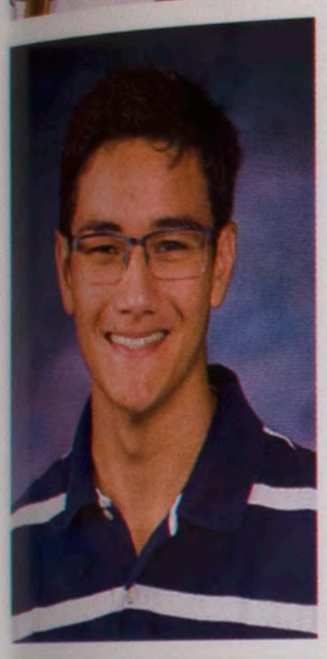

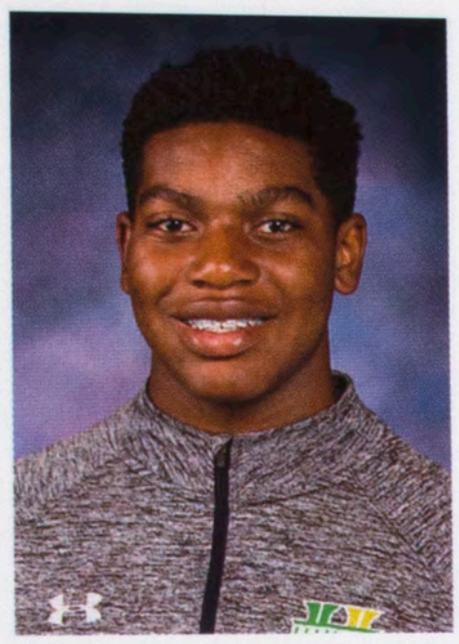

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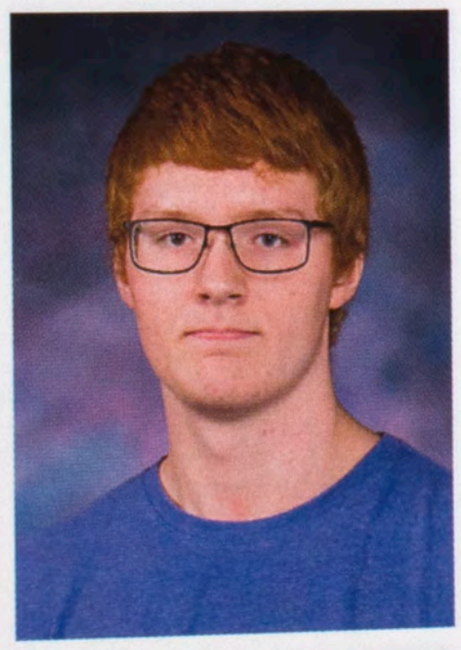

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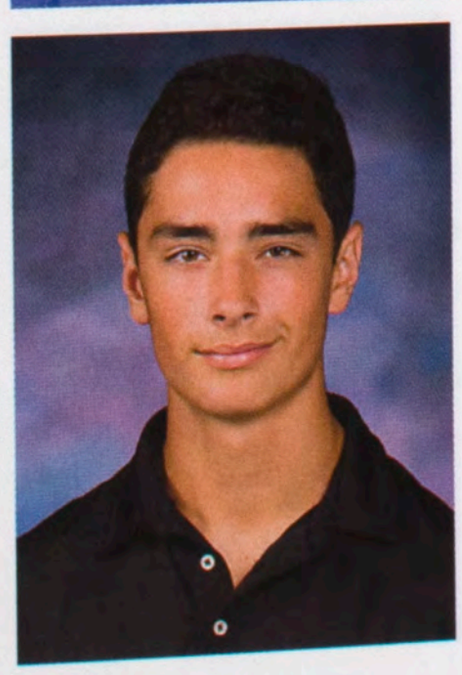

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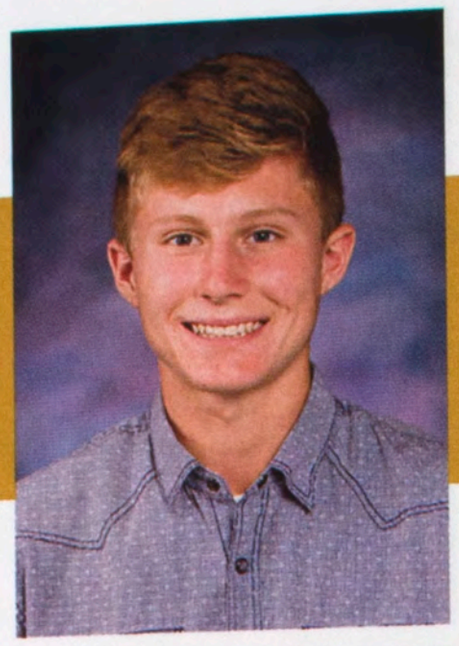

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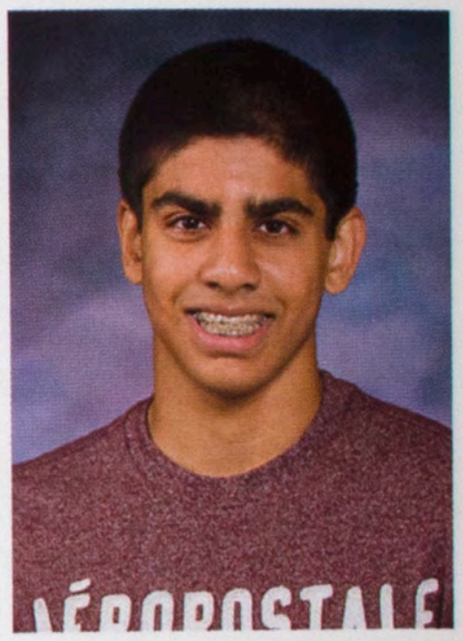
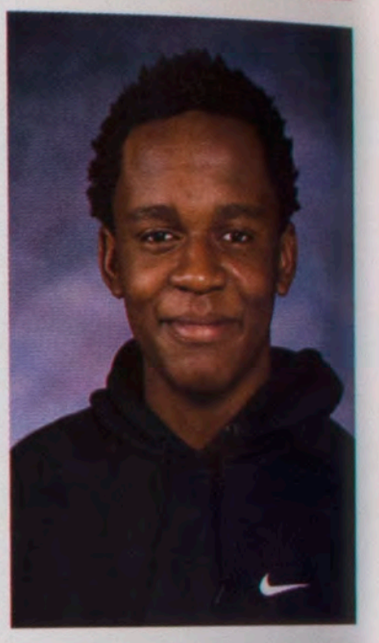

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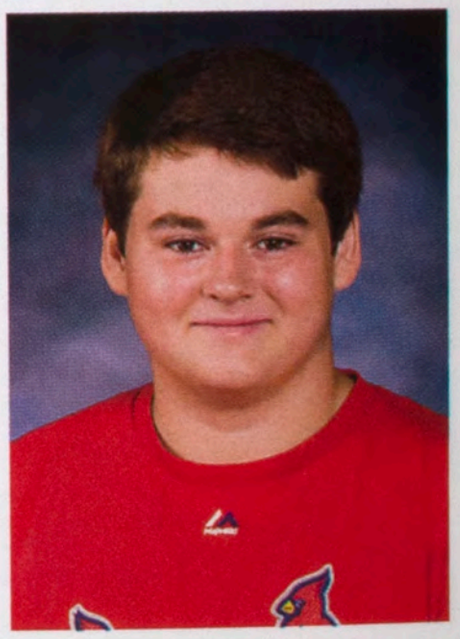

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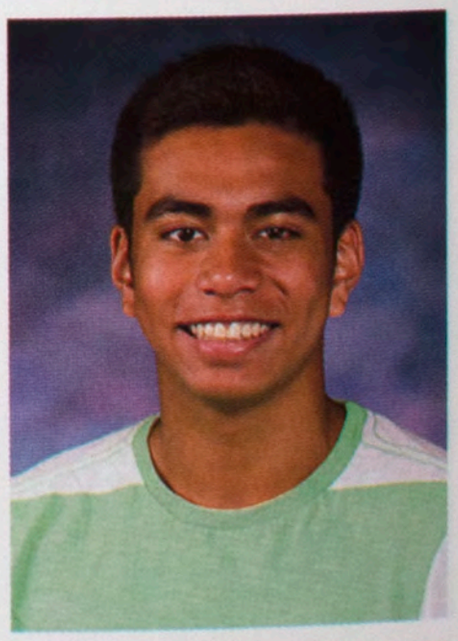

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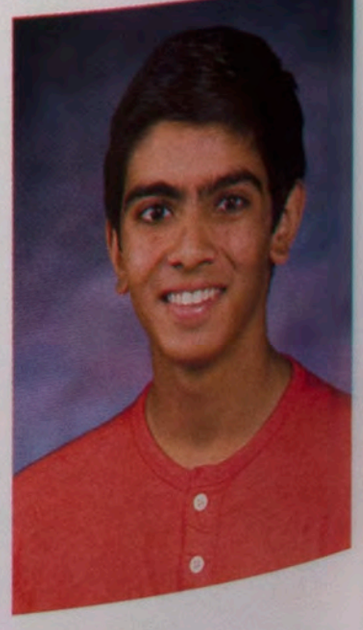

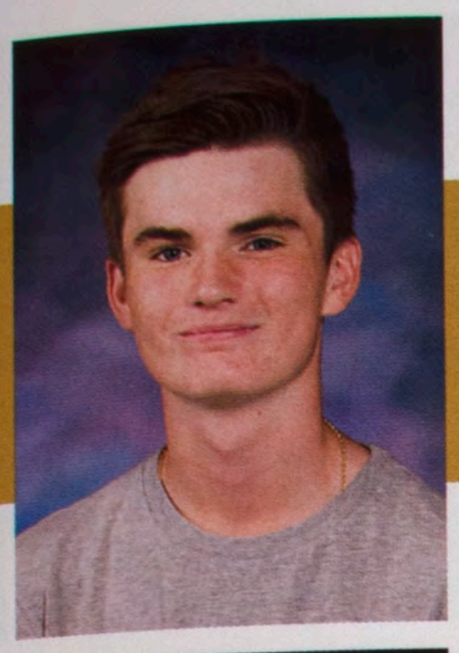

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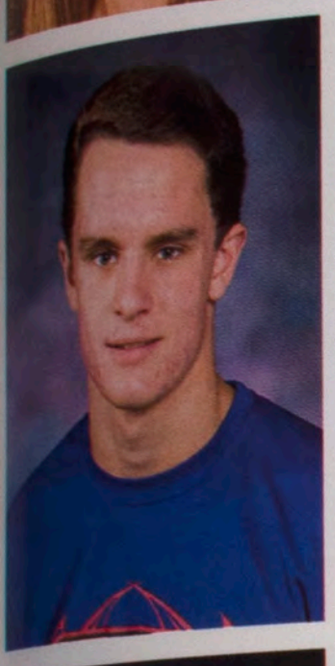
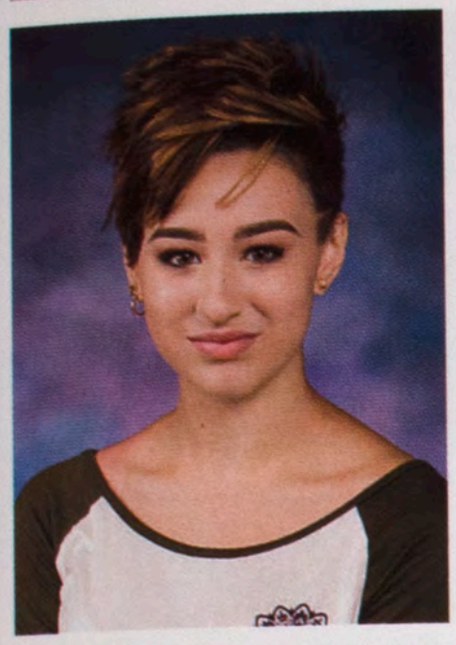
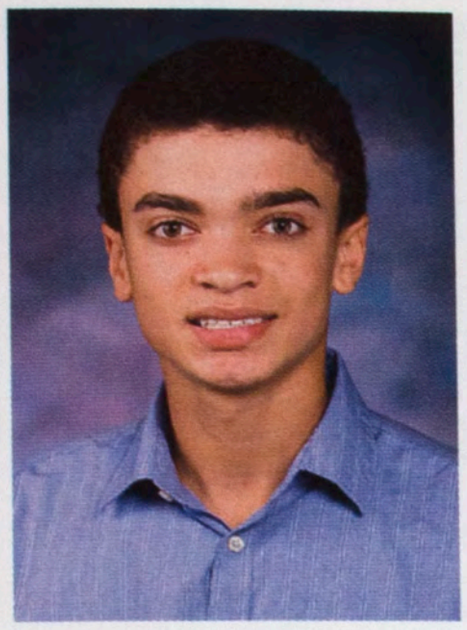

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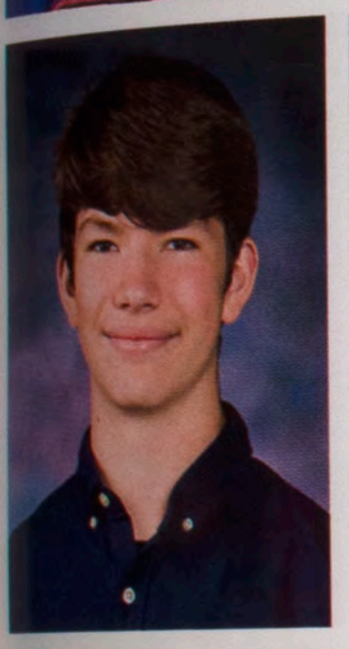

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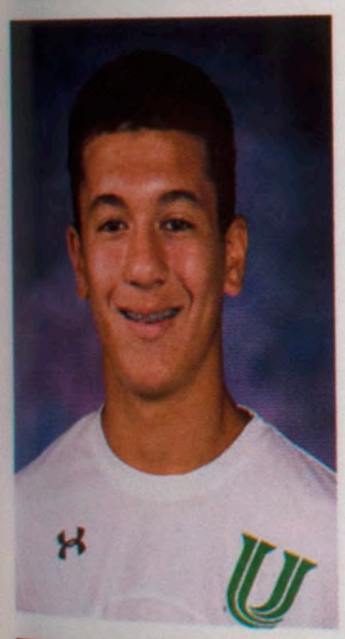

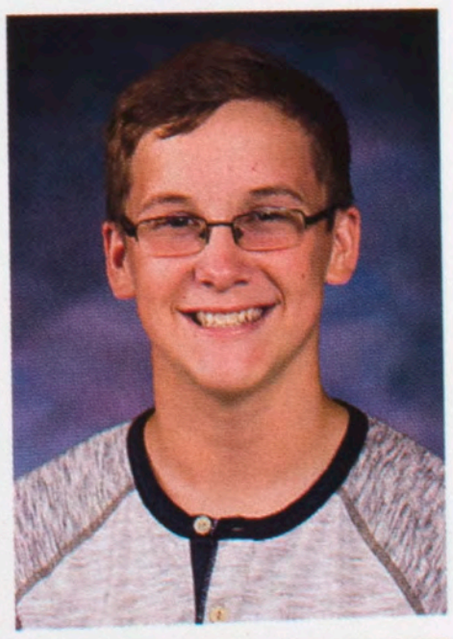

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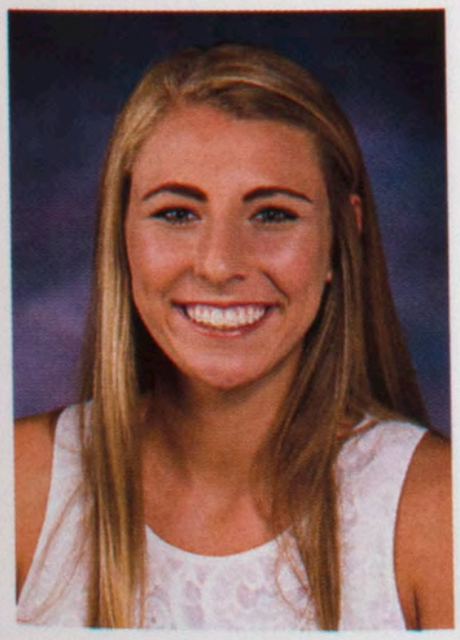

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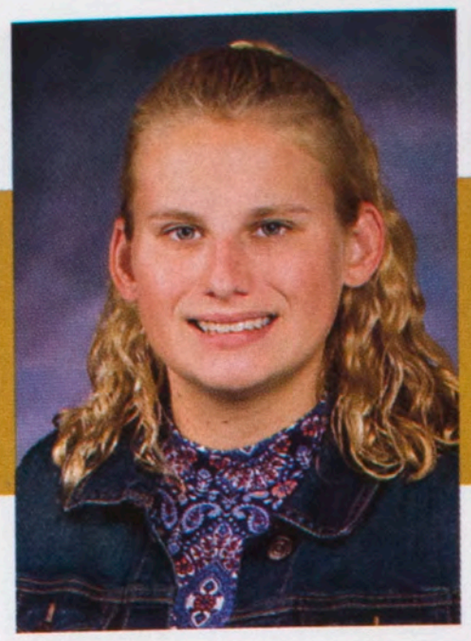

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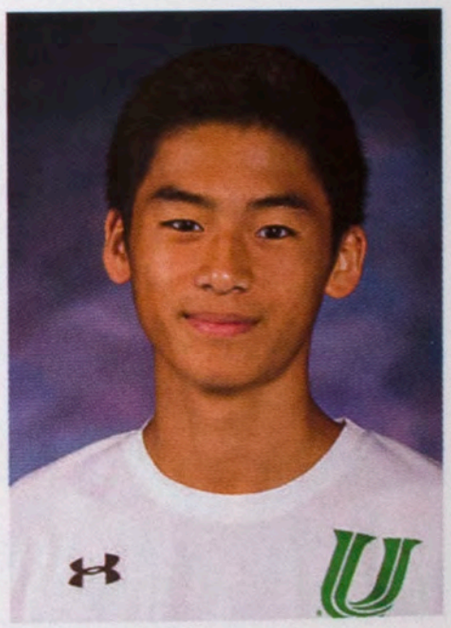
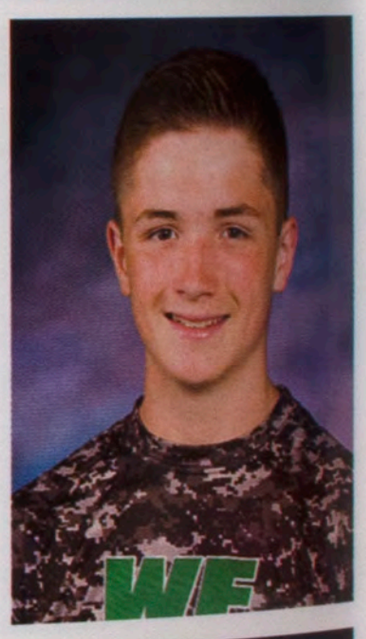

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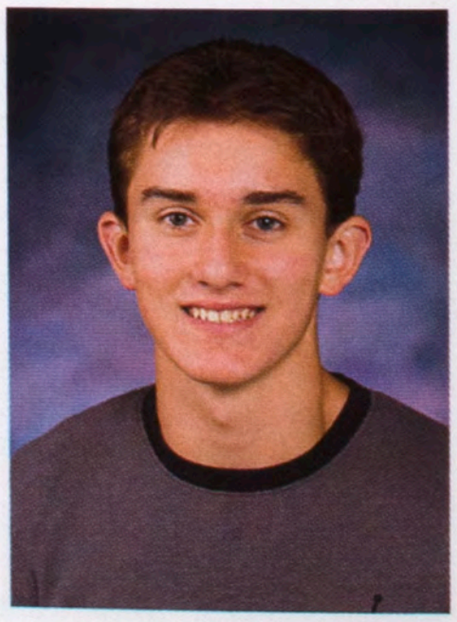

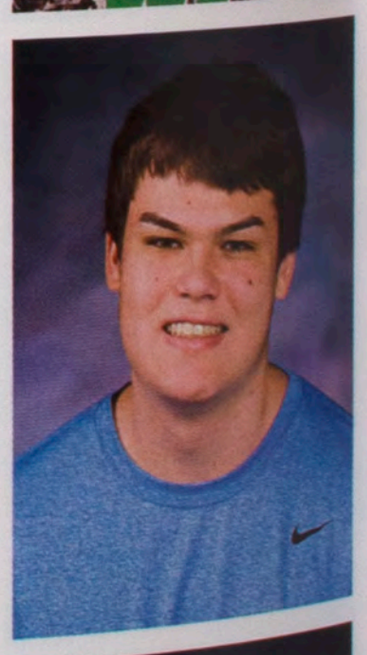

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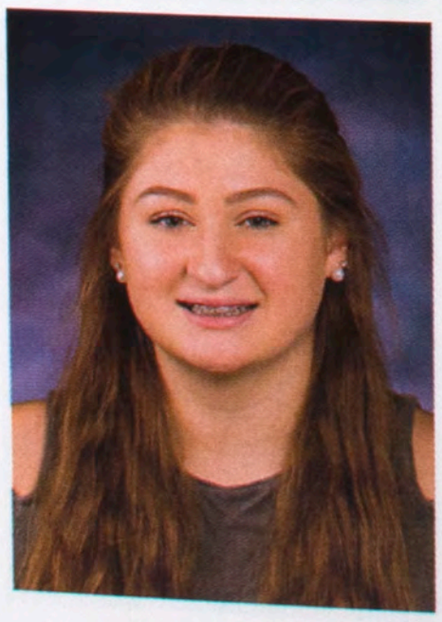

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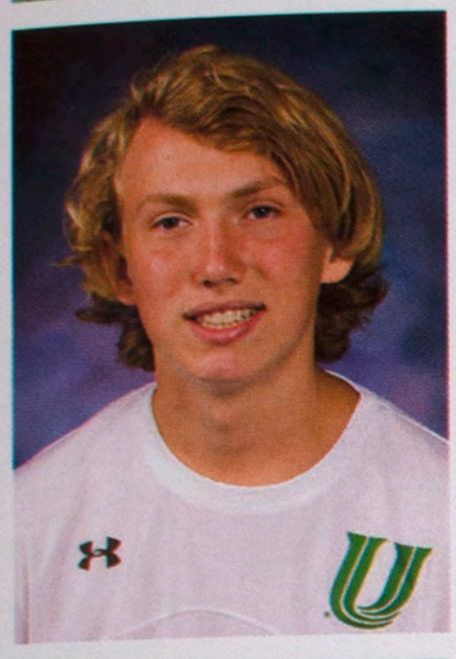
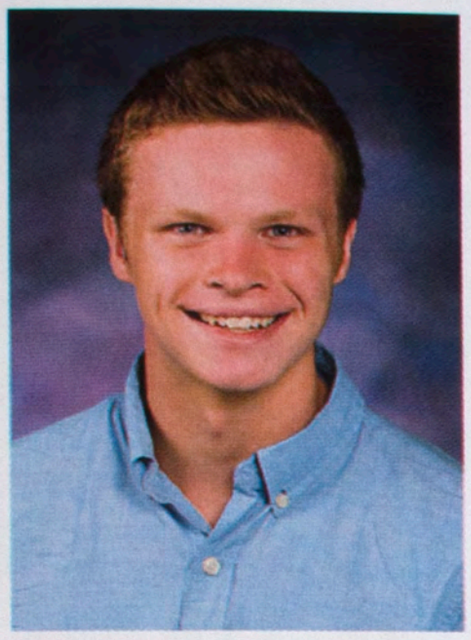
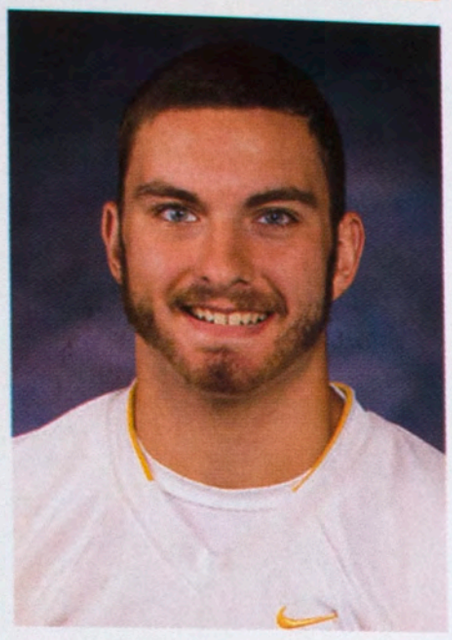

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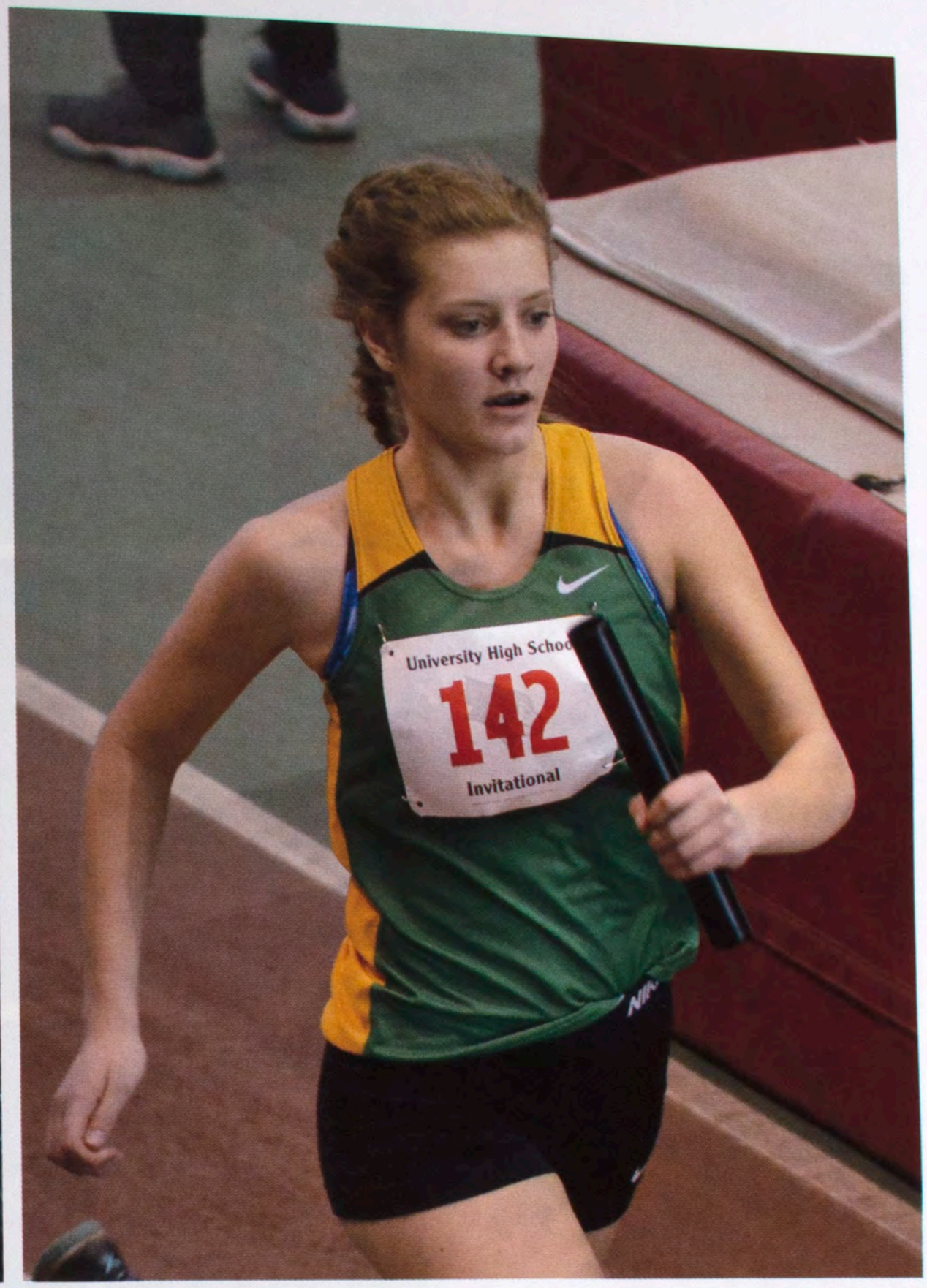
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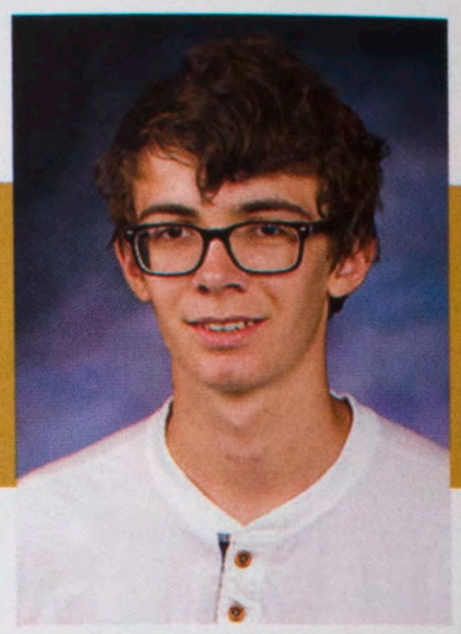
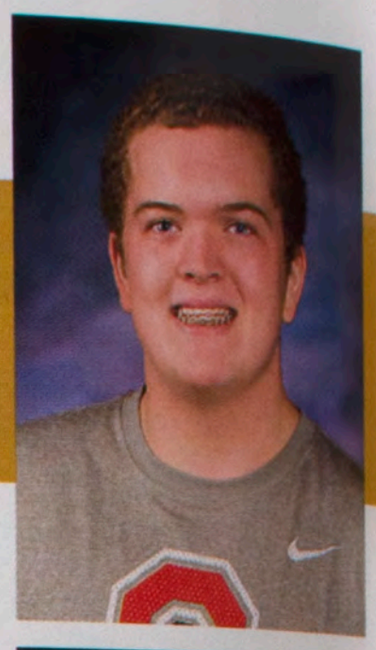

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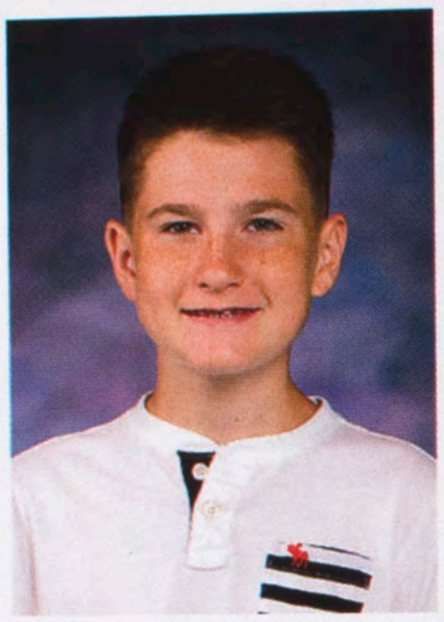

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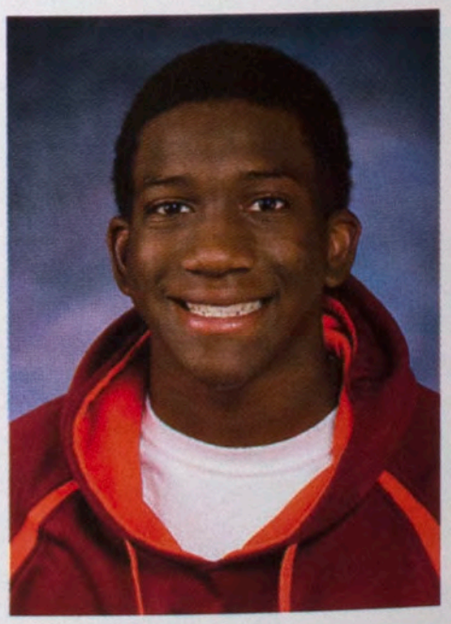

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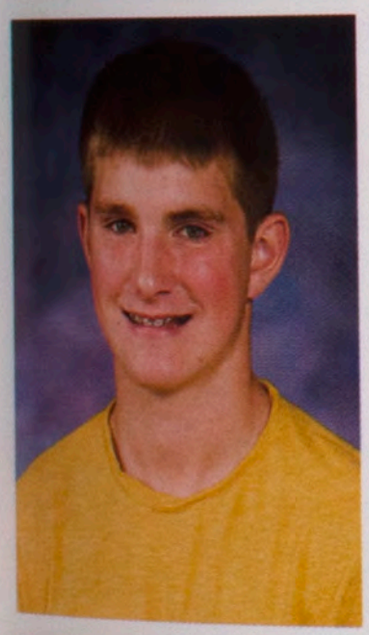

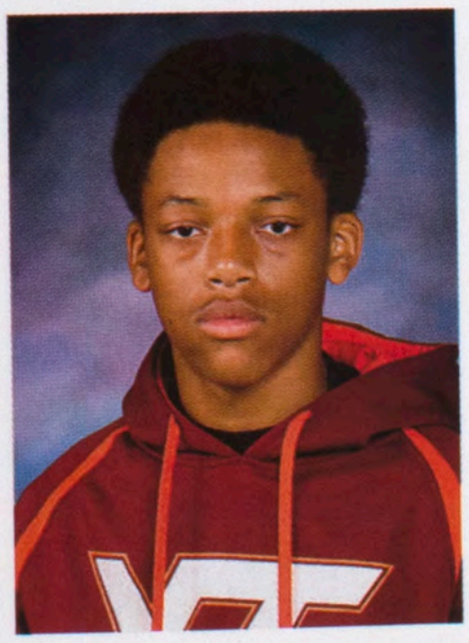
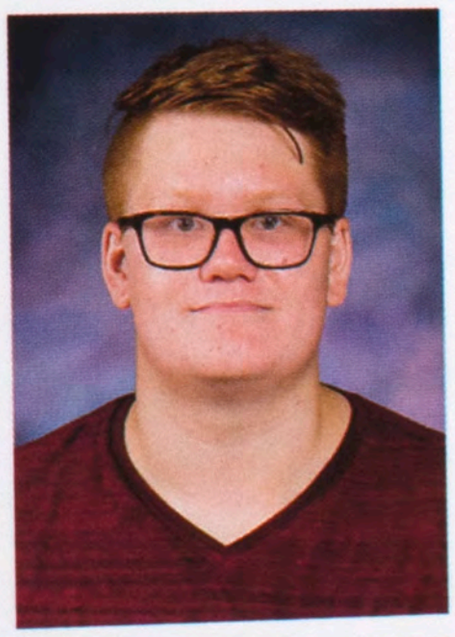

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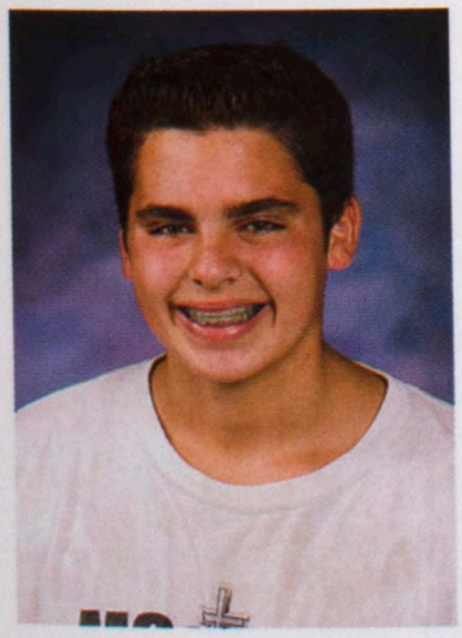
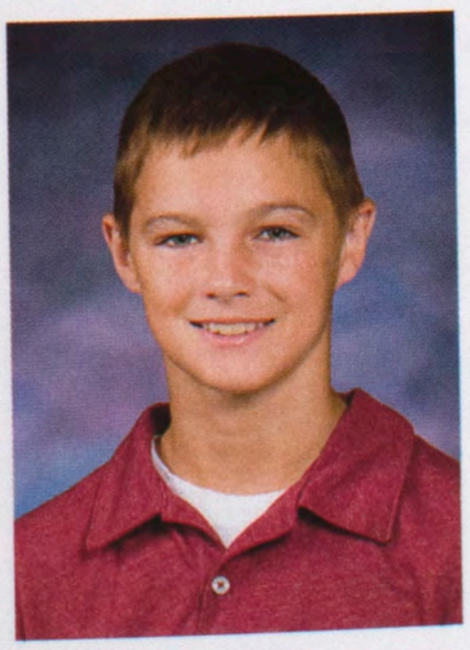

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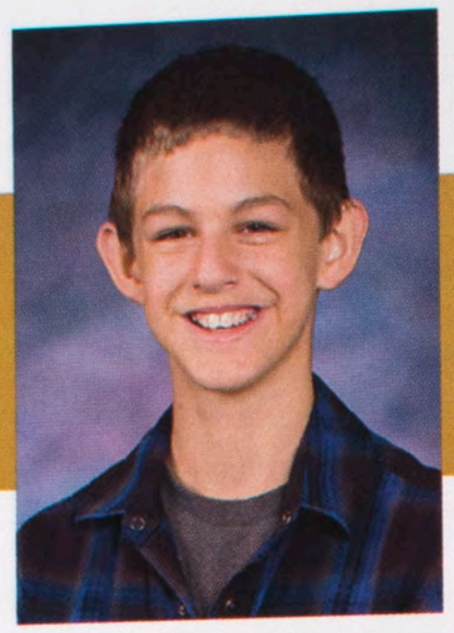

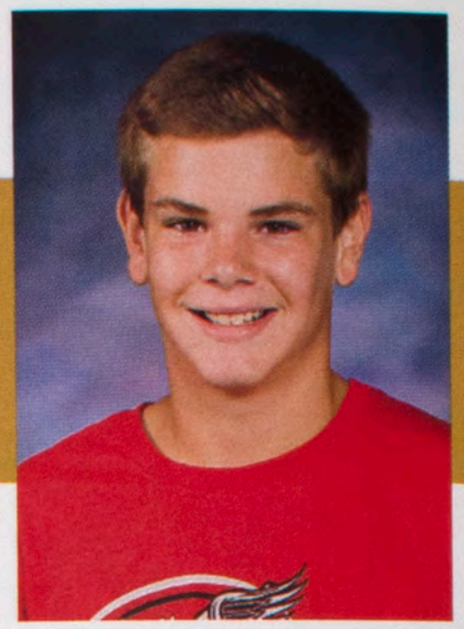

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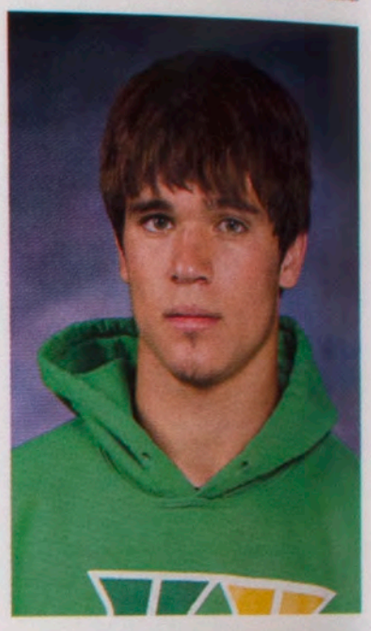

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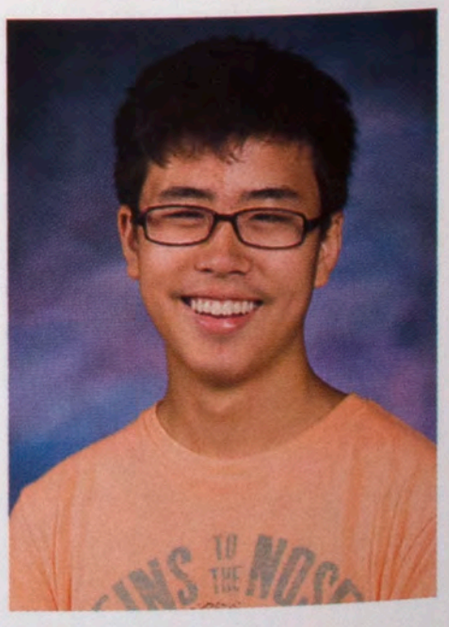

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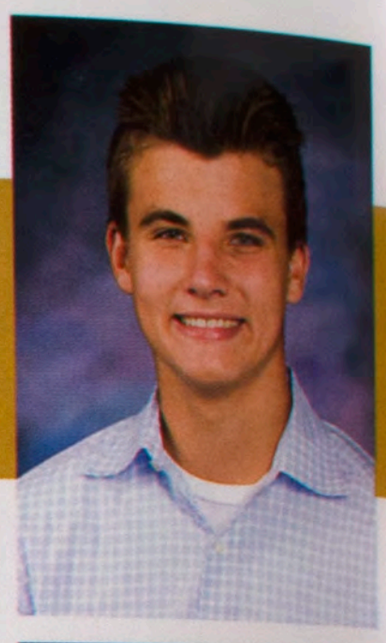

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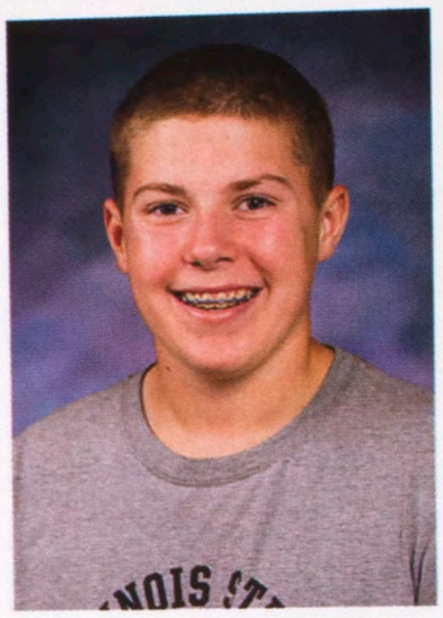

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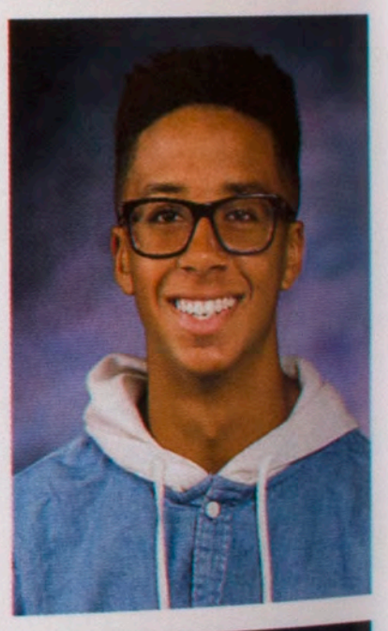

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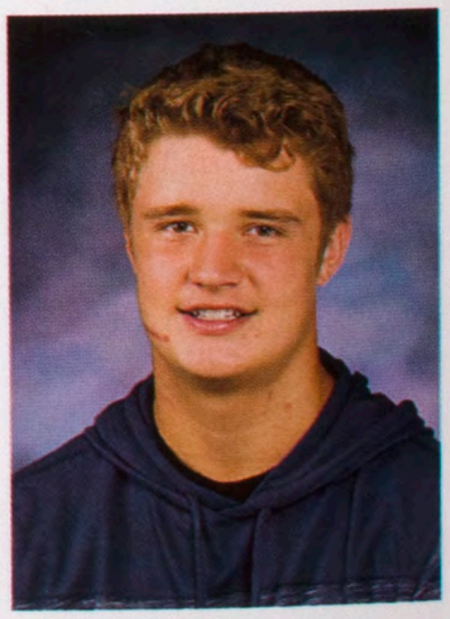

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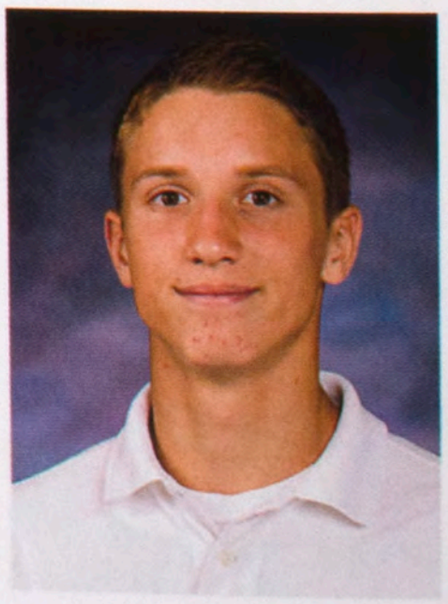
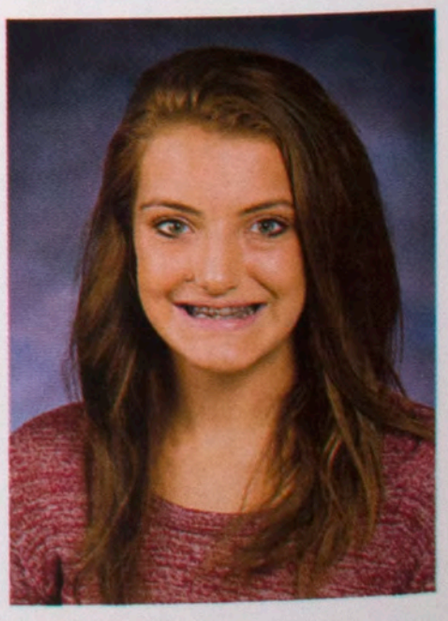
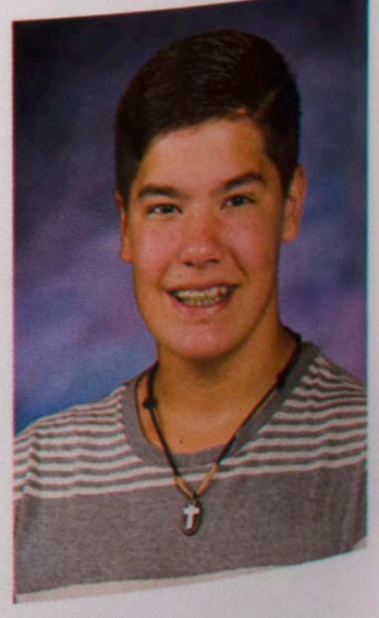

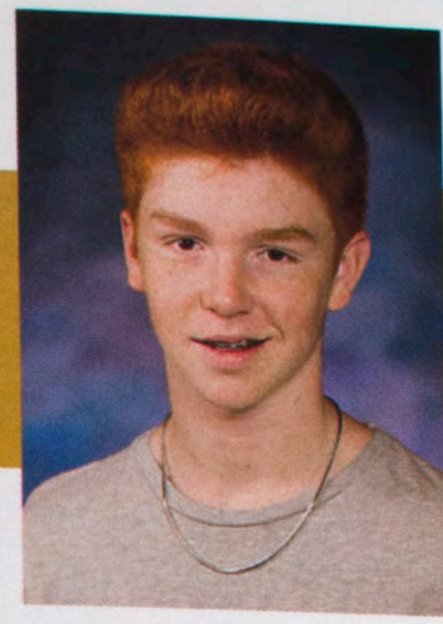

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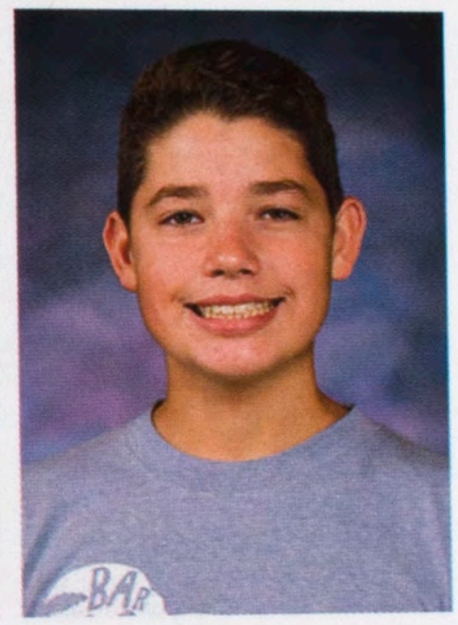

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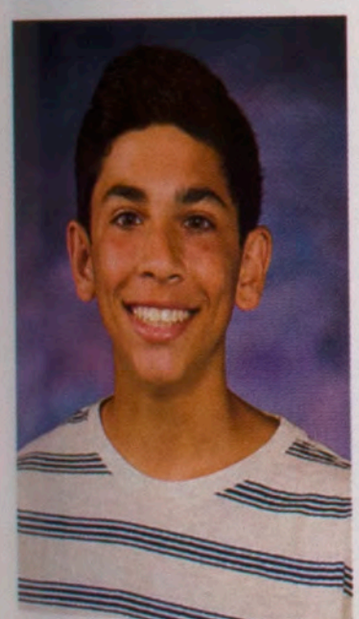

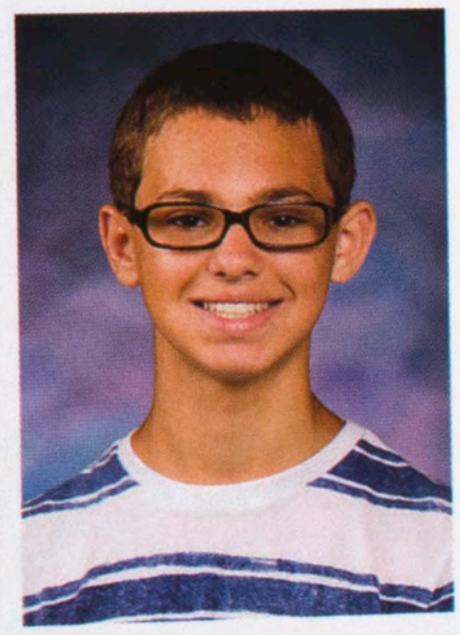

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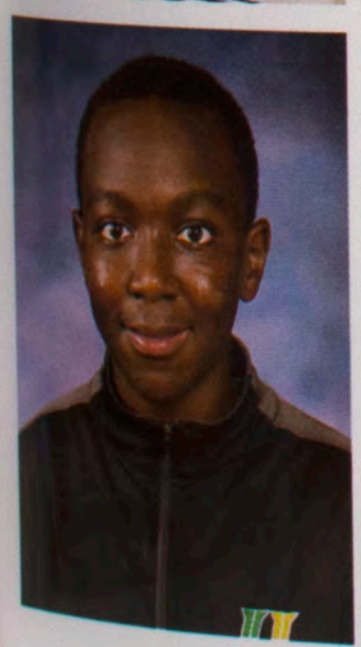

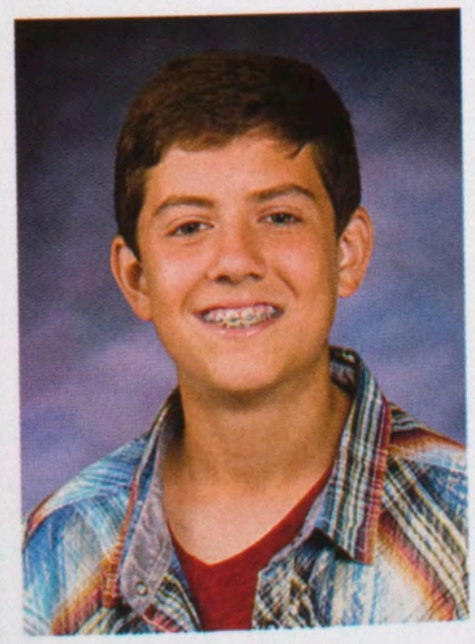

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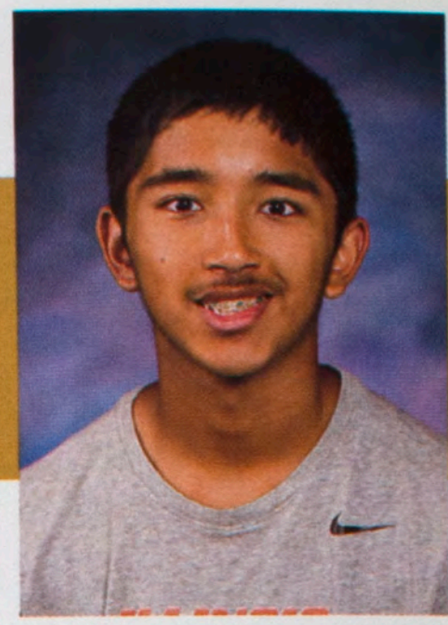

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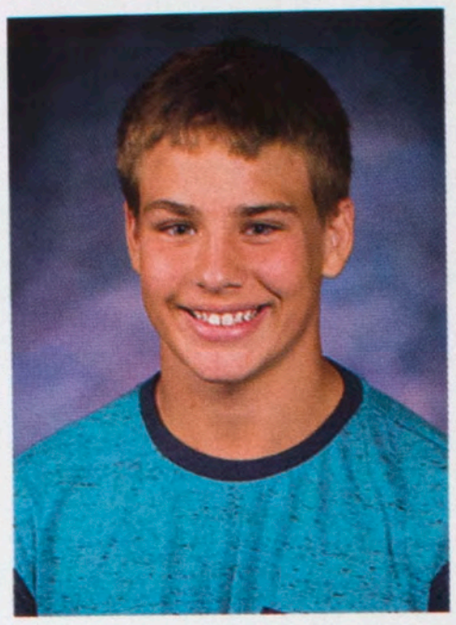
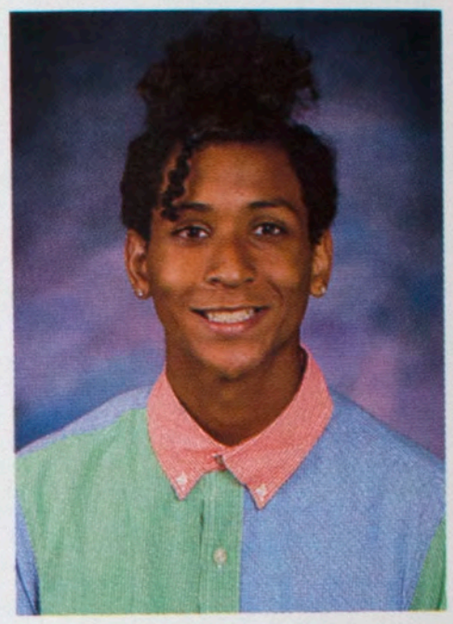
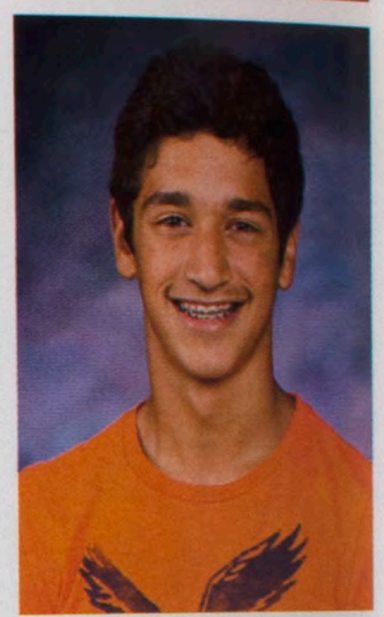

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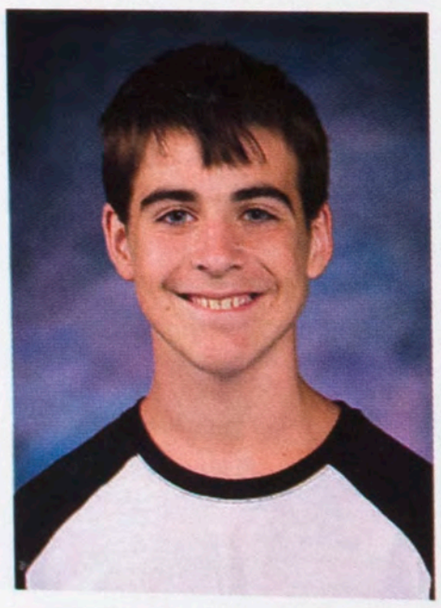
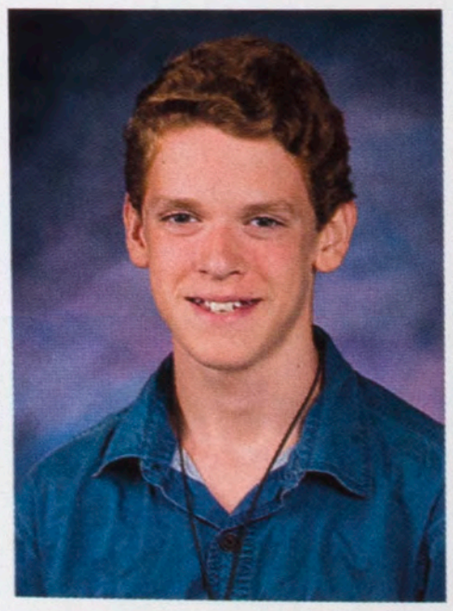

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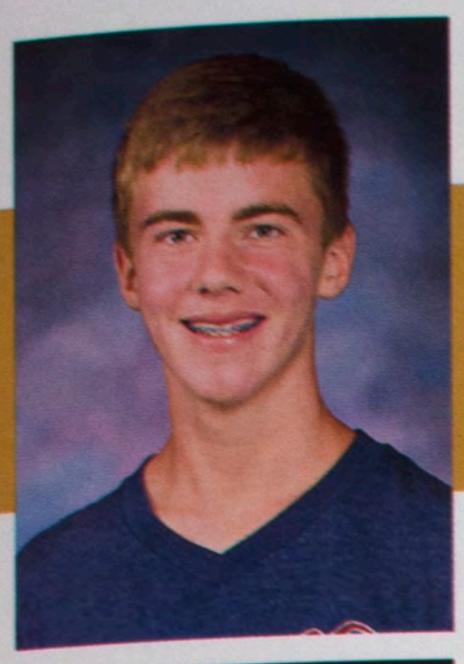

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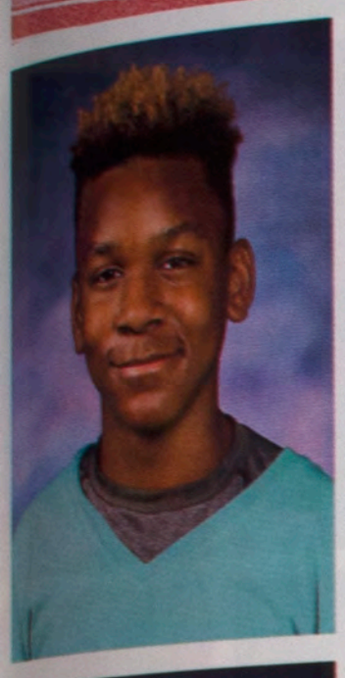

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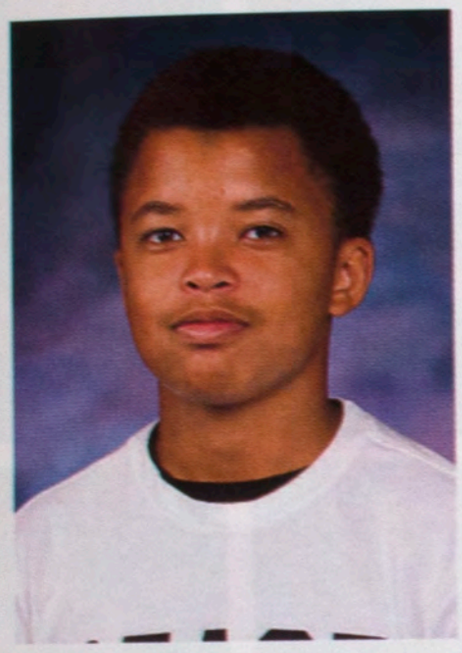
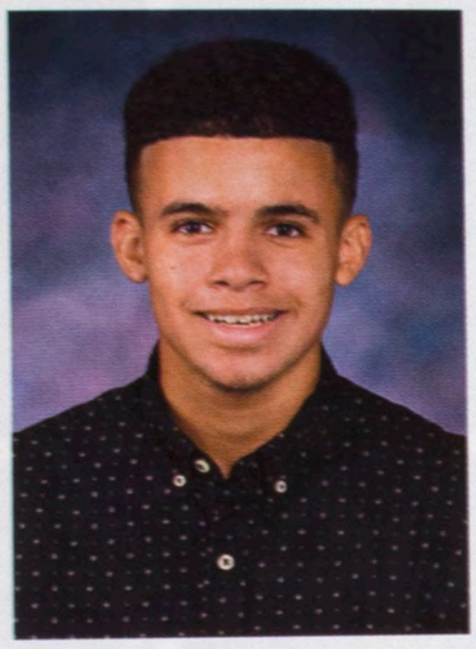

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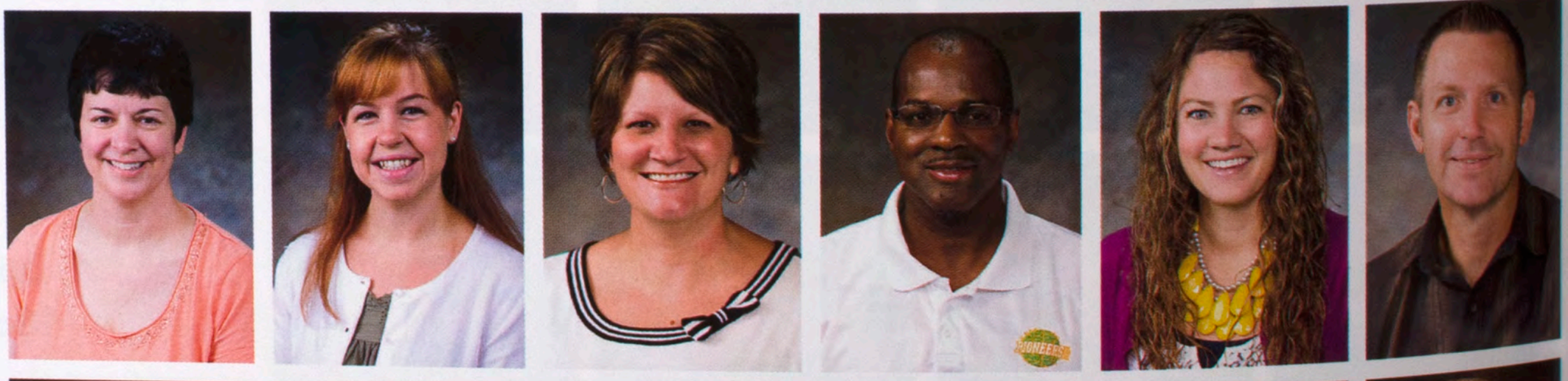

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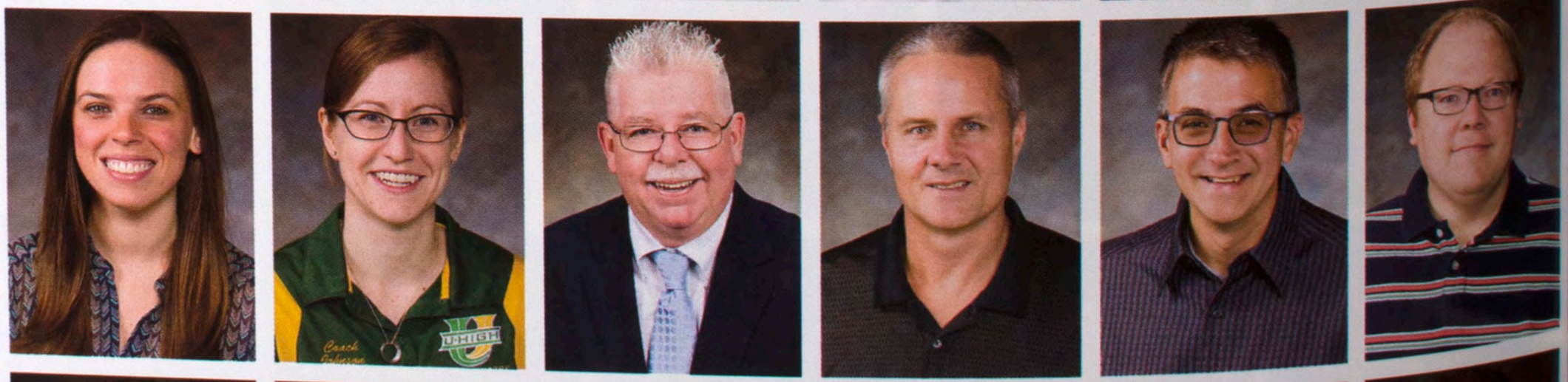

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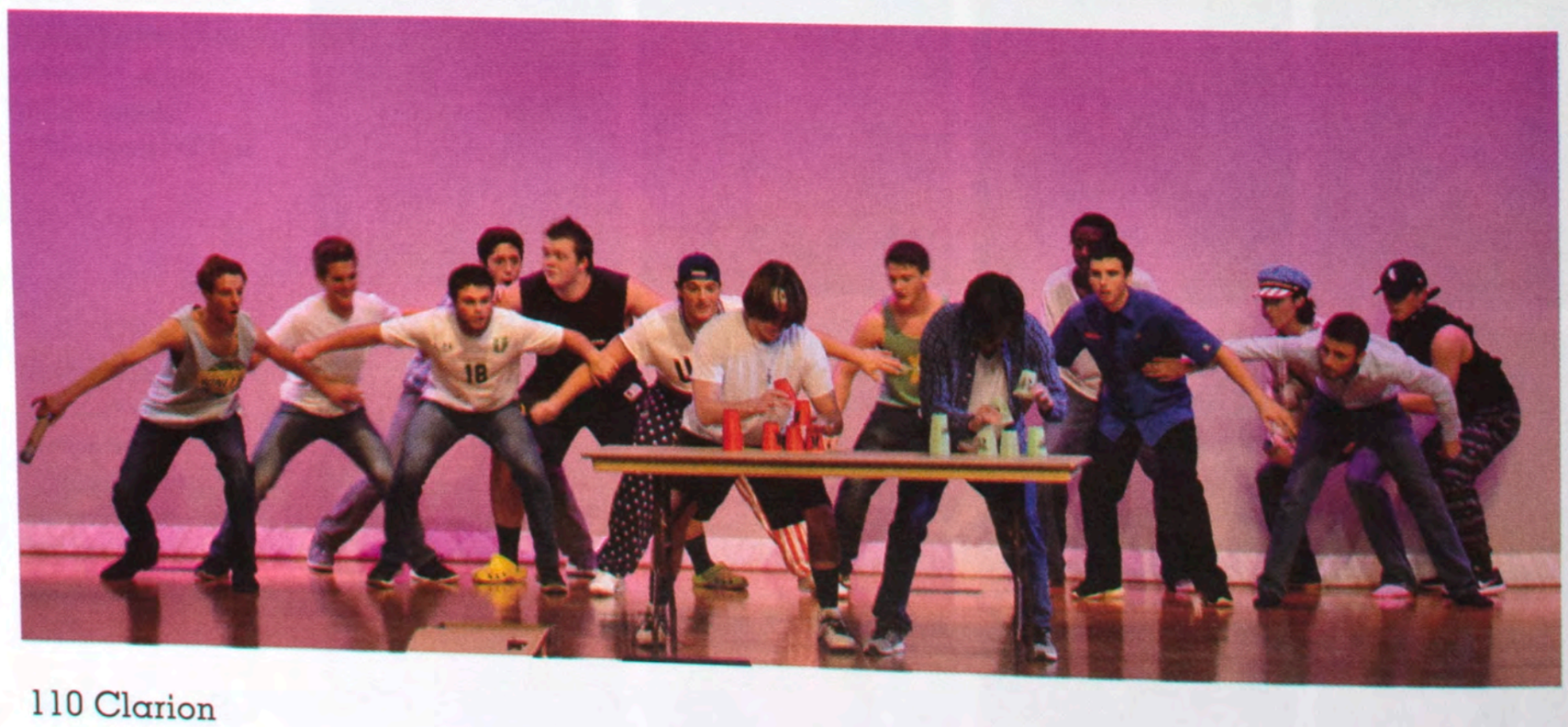
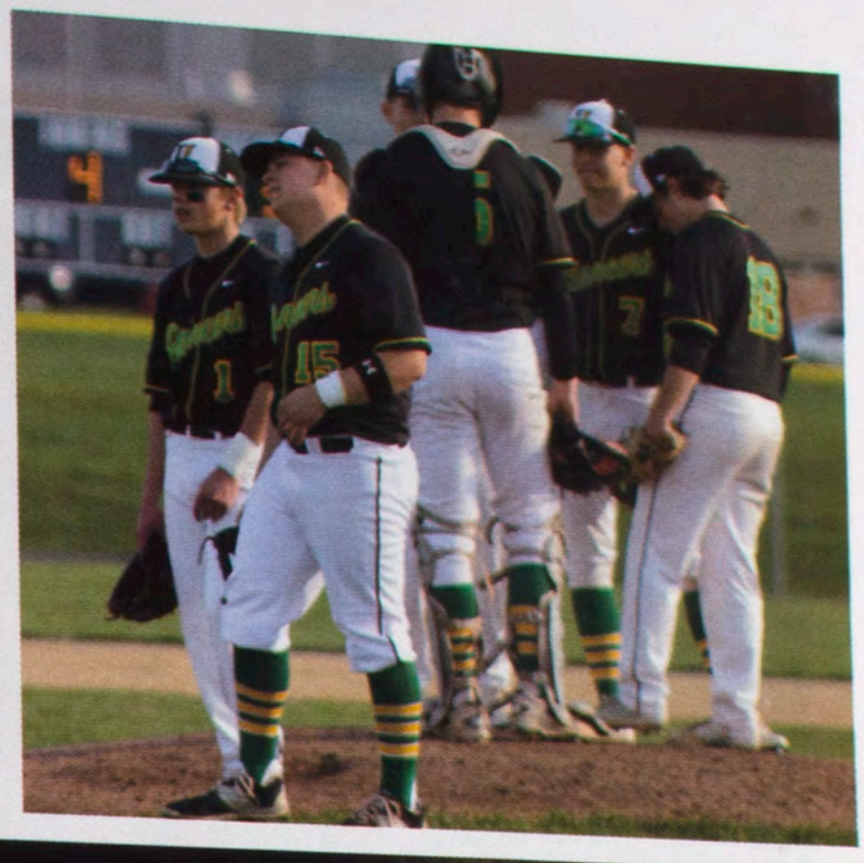
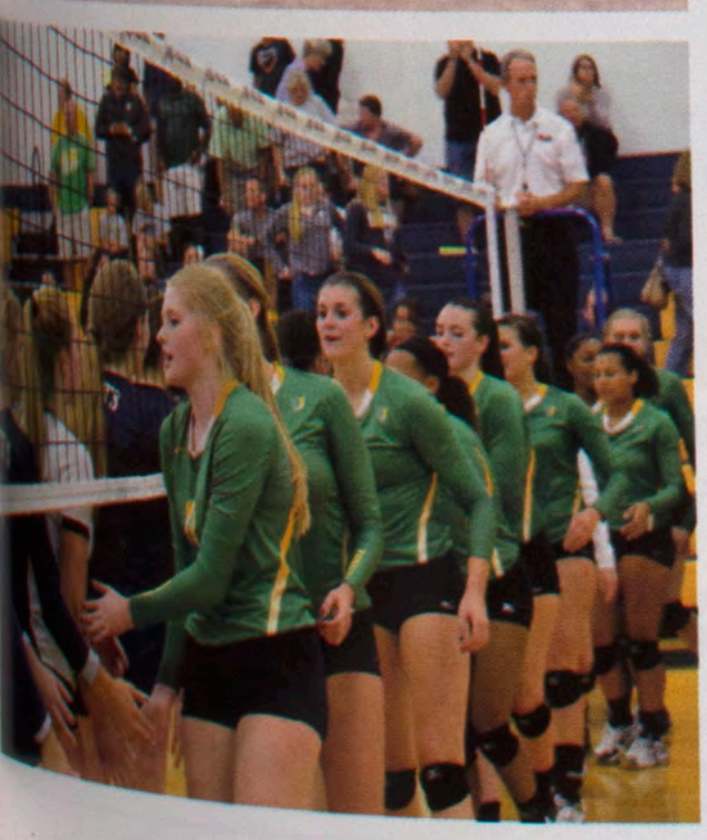






Varsity Football

13-49	L	Washington
6-31	L	Central Catholic
32-21	W	IVC
7-35	L	QND
7-24	L	Prairie Central
46-0	W	Olympia
20-25	L	Mahomet-Sey.
19-33	L	Pontiac
24-18	W	Moline

03 Wins - 06 Losses

Row 1: Coach Randon Recker, Coach Tim Hoover, Drew Clark, Bailey Klemmensen, Parker Mathieson, Lamar Conard, Kee Randolph, Ryan Jacob, Jordan Lawrence
Row 2: Ty Ziebarth, Douglas Holmes, Trey Heffner, John Merna, Preston Engel, Cole Tandy, Mark Widdel, Coach Tim Murray, Coach Michael Jennings
Row 3: Coach Chris Shintaku, John Gibson, Braden Woods, Denver Hoffert, Edwin Kelso, Jeremiah Carter, Caleb Gonzalez, Andrew Mersch, Coach Mike Troll, Coach Norm Larsen, Coach Greg Engel
Row 4: Coach Ryan Hoffman, Coach DT Thornton, Parker Alexander, Packard Otto, Deontae Hawkins, Jaxon Heffner, Garrett Murray, Head Coach Trevor Von Bruenchenhein, Emanuel Bada, Nathaniel Ummel, Lake Williams, Ryan Poland, Nathanial Sakowicz

JV Football

20-38	L	Washington
26-12	W	Central Catholic
20-26	L	IVC
20-14	W	Seneca
06-14	L	Prairie Central
24-14	W	Pontiac
12-46	L	Mahomet-Sey.
07-28	L	Pontiac
14-16	L	Moline

03 Wins - 06 Losses

Row 1: Bailey Klemmensen, Rashad Wilson, Alex Feit, Zane Sorensen, Drew Ziebarth, Gabriel Pfister, Aaron Kull
Row 2: Coach Tim Hoover, Kee Randolph, Drew Clark, Wyatt Broers, Levi Smaling, Jacob Hileman, Dawson Brooks, Douglas Lamb, Joshua Pinter, Parker Mathieson, Caleb Gonzalez, Lamar Conard, Coach Randon Recker
Row 3: Coach DT Thornton, Coach Mike Troll, Denver Hoffert, Hayden Arbogast, Caden Overton, Jordan Lawrence, Dakari Gordon, Zachary Panizo, Spencer Parker, Isaac Ogunleye, Brock Griffin, Coach Chris Shintaku, Coach Norm Larsen

JV Cheer

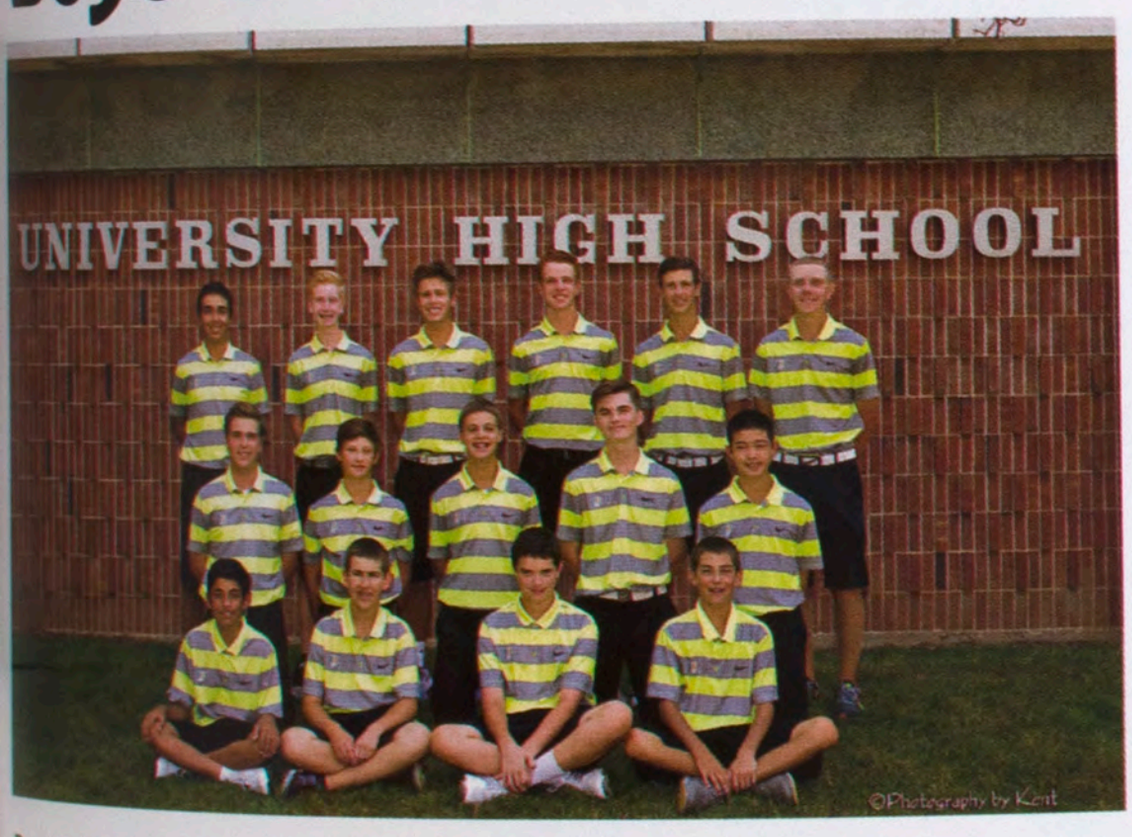
Row 1: Madelin Kim, Hope Hudgins, Maya Wilken, Isabella Houchin, Taylor Wilson
Row 2: Zyon Randle, Sophie Fitzgerald, Piper Schuring, Courtney Kowalski, Nolan Kelley

Varsity Cheer

Row 1: Zack Franz, Daisy Covarrubias, Taylor McCormick, Maya Wilken, Madison Bever, Olivia Cramer, Sami Spain, Caleb Evans
Row 2: Karizma Im, Faith Ausili, Anna Rodriguez, Maddie Thompson
Row 3: Courtney Kowalski, Anne Rich, Beau Hendren-Santiago, Paige Rowe, Roman Kannaday, Haley Torrez, Oskar Urquizo, Lexie Rowe, Ellie Paul

Bradley Bourbonnaise Invite	1st
New Lenox Lincoln-Way Central Invite	1st
Oak Forest Invite	2nd
IHSA Sectional	1st
IHSA State	4th

Boys Golf



Row 1: Shaurya Taxali, Parker Marshall, Charlie Knapp, Brevin Knight
Row 2: Tyler Orgler, Jack Lindstrom, Cody Surma, Parker Penn, Ethan Huynh
Row 3: Tony Palumbo, Ben Bazan, Brandon Hendriks, Dylan Panizo, Dallas Koth, Alex Kullman

Girls Golf

Row 1: Abby Petersen, Piper Schuring, Abby Klein, Lexi Onsrud, Maddie Zook, Abriana Ruiz
Row 2: Maddison Murphy, Emma Noraian, Melissa Reiss, Quinn Johnson, Sarah Park, Megan Phelan, Christiana Thompson, McKenna Sapp

Bloomington High School	1st	
Intercity	1st	
U-High Invitational	8th	
Normal Community West	1st	
IHSA State	1st	

Intercity	344-364	W
U-High Invitational	362-316	L
Corn Belt Conference	372-387	W
BHS, CCHS, NCWHS	168-176	L
IHSA State	374-350	7th

JV Soccer

Row 1: Chase Hari, Christian Amble, Amit Sawhney, Caleb Evans, Matthew Suh, Nathan Matheis, Thomas Moh, Grant Burrell
Row 2: Coach Jeremy Stanton, Michael Van Plew, Jacob Fleming, Christopher Cuppini, Joseph Brown, Nick Rolley, Michael Smith, Coach Dan Gibler

Morton HS	1	2	L
Champaign Centennial HS	0	0	T
Quincy Notre Dame HS	2	1	W
Springfield HS	0	1	L

5 Wins - 10 Losses - 2 Ties

Varsity Soccer

Row 1: Matt Mosele, Brian Cordero, JD Kelley, Nathan Matheis, Michael Van Plew, Matthew Suh Row 2: Nick Rolley, Lucas Hari, Nathan Clay, Cayden Redd, Mason Wittman, Camden Brown, Christian Amble, Ryan Poland, Noah Klauss Row 3: Coach Jeremy Stanton, Jett Jenkins, Christopher Cuppini, Josh Friesen, Michael Napolitano, Nick Leathers, Christian Lopez, Niklas Klauss, Jason Lenz, Matthew Mier, Coach Dan Gibler

IHSA Regional v Calvary Christian	9	0	W
IHSA Sectional v Peoria Christian HS	2	1	W
IHSA State vs. Waterloo Giblaut Catholic	1	0	W
IHSA State v Westchester	3	1	W

16 Wins - 6 Losses - 4 Ties

Girls Swim

Row 1: Samantha Lighty, Emma Stroh, Lily Matthews, Aylssa Clausen
Row 2: Hannah Matthews, Jade Fung, Taylor Brady, Caroline Bazan, Molly Meyer, Lillian Culp
Row 3: Coach Kevin Yarger, Poleena Kovalaske, Emily Swigart, Gena Mendez, Coach Michelle Meyer, Elizabeth Stroh, Dana Siverly, Anita Kovalaske, Coach Jamie Haseman

Bloomington HS Invite	1st
Intercity	1st
U-High Invite	1st
IHSA Sectional	1st

Girls Tennis

Row 1: Sanjana Satish, Victoria Browning, Olivia Morkin, Anna Huber, Irene Park, Emma Litwiller, Brynn Bowers
Row 2: Calis Lim, Katelyn Armstrong, Rishita Chamarthi, Alikah Marshall, Ella Gordon, Abby Totten, Celeste Noraian, Grace Matheis, Anna Greenfield
Row 3: Raven Blust, Lauren Van Plew, Danielle Witzig, Jessica Huber, Coach Tom Whiting, Chloe Benyamin, Madalyne Patton, Katherine Feely, Isabel Schaefbauer

Springfield SHG Invite	4th
Bloomington Purple Invite	3rd
Bloomington Gold Invite	5th
IHSA Sectional	2nd
IHSA State	9th

Freshman Volleyball

Row 1: Brianna Hendren, Makaylea Sepich, Logan Murray, Victoria Coleman, Bridget Poole, Alexa Niebur
Row 2: Elena Rolley, Annika Cappis, Natalie Leathers, Jahda Wilbert-Davis, Coach Amy Champ, Maddison Roop, Alyssa Johnson, Zoey Carlson

Bloomington High School	25-9, 25-14	W
IVC	25-13, 25-27, 25-22	W
Pontiac	25-27, 25-25, 15-11	W
Olympia	25-22, 25-18	W
Prairie Central	25-19, 25-9	W

JV Volleyball

Row 1: Kendy Ummel, Isabel Schaefbauer, Toni Poland, Isabel Gravez, Skyler Jenkins, Jessica McDowell, Lindsey Baker
Row 2: Coach Keith Kosharek, Alayna Crabtree, Nia Halman, Lana Williams, Macy Tongate, Taylor Patkunas, Jayda Kiefer, Coach Andrew Prokop

Bloomington High School	25-18, 22-25, 23-25	L
IVC	25-17. 25-19	W
Pontiac	25-12, 25-20	W
Olympia	25-20, 25-19	W
Prairie Central	16-25, 25-15, 15-11	W

Varsity Volleyball

Row 1: Alexis Engst, Janelle McDowell, Nahdia Wilbert-Davis, Lexus Tennison, Kimberly Sendelbach, Amber Juarez, Hannah Lane
Row 2: Coach Darren Voth, Illyana Lin, Abbigale Seward, Cheyenne Petersen, Jamie Walling, Addison Loeffler, Abbey Collins, Coach Mike Bolhuis

Bloomington High School	25-18, 22-25, 23-25	L
IVC	25-17, 25-10	W
Pontiac	25-12, 25-11	W
Olympia	25-13, 25-14	W
IHSA Regional vs. Lincoln HS	23-25, 26-24, 22-25	L

Dance

Row 1: Julianna Heptinstall, Megan Wittman, Danielle Kinsella
Row 2: Abby Petersen, Grace Telling, Rosa Rolon, Grace Bryant, Maddison Murphy
Row 3: Hadley Hagerty, Ella Story, Sadie Cole, Christiana Thompson, Allisson Mercier

Wheaton North HS Invite	2nd/3rd
Huntley HS Invite	12th/18th
Fieldcrest HS Invite	4th
IHSA Sectionals	6th
IHSA State	16th

Boys Cross Country

1st	First to the Finish Invite
1st	Intercity
1st	Aurora Central Catholic
3rd	Peoria HS Invite
1st	U-High Invite
2nd	Metamora HS Invite
2nd	Corn Belt Conference
2nd	IHSA Regional
2nd	IHSA Sectional
3rd	IHSA State

Row 1: Joseph Dubravec, Dylan Chambers, Nicholas Honzel, Bryan Huizenga, Zachary Wolford, Jackson McClure, Adam Trevarthan, Michael Story
Row 2: Aidan Bovee, Zack Franz, Joseph Tulley, Nicholas King, David Kim, Derek Nanni, Curtis Ausili, Simon Heinrich, Dane Alexander, Jack Franklin, Matthew Zacharias, Brandon Tomic, Harris Porter, Sam Rubin
Row 3: Coach Holli Will, Cameron Jain, Alec Rodriguez, Alex Hess, CJ Bruns, Cooper Wilken, Thomas Scott, Alexander Diffor, Brode Wall, Rohan Kamatar, Sean Supan, Alok Kamatar, Liam Vaughn, Coach Norris Porter
Row 4: Coach Stu Shaver, Joshua Nepomuceno, Evan Alderson, Jonah Sweet, Caleb Diffor, Grayson Will, Michael Elzanati, Coach Lester Hampton, Kaleb Harding, Austin Spaulding, Tanner Gillam, Ressa Crubaugh, Jared Schuckman, Joshua Lewis, Coach John Neisler

Girls Cross Country

4th	IHSA Regional
2nd	IHSA Sectional
8th	IHSA State

Row 1: Ally Shepherd, Lena Chalian, Emmilene Chambers, Caitlin Mussey, Jasmyne Lawrence, Brianna Pinter, Katie Reeves, Hannah Kiefer, Advika Kamatar, Jacqueline Bacon
Row 2: Coach Holli Will, Natasha Schuckman, Emma Harding, Alexandra Eisenreich, Alexandra Seehuus, Emerson Mussey, Carrington Walker, Lupita Echeverria, LeeLanda Brewer, Lauren Brown, Maura Coughlin, Coach Norris Porter
Row 3: Coach Stu Shaver, Kathryn Clausen, Anna Tulley, Britany Ziemer, Olivia Shouse, Ava Trevarthan, Coach John Neisler, Susanna Angles, Elizabeth Raycraft, Kaitlyn Spaulding, Riley Madix, Coach Lester Hampton

Varsity Basketball

Row 1: Coach Andrew McDowell, Coach Terry Lootens, Jack Martin, Myles Aldridge, Jacob Armstrong, Keondre Schumacher, Nathanial Robinson, Coach Jeff Graham, Coach Lester Hampton
Row 2: Coach Charlie Schempf, Trey Heffner, Douglas Holmes, Ryan Jacob, Kai Bates-Diop, Nathan Torres, Jackson Burns, Tyler Dunn, Trey Mortimer, Coach Mitch Styczynski

Intercity vs. Normal West	59	52	W
Prairie Central	61	46	W
Central Catholic	69	63	W
IHSA Regional vs. Macomb	73	39	W
IHSA Regional vs. Washington	41	48	L

JV Basketball

Row 1: Cody Surma, Glen Wood, Paul Africano, Trey Mortimer, C.J. Bruns, Robert Bryant, Benjamin Phillips
Row 2: Brandon Brown, Jimmy Mohila, Carter Burk, Nathan Torres, Jordan Lawrence, Nathan Hardman

Prairie Central	78	23	W
Central Catholic	68	63	W
Unit 5 Tourney vs. Bloomington	45	50	L
Pontiac	86	60	W
Unit 5 Tourney vs. Sterling	70	48	W

Freshman Basketball

Row 1: Caleb Gross, Aaron Wheeler, Vishnu Anagani, Joseph Brown, Lance Sebade, Brandon Tomic, Jackson Blemler
Row 2: Michael Story, Douglas Lamb, Glen Wood, Brendan Tupper, Coach Charlie Shempf, Caden Overton, Dakari Gordon, Jacob Mote, Zane Sorensen

Olympia	68	32	W
Pontiac	48	34	W
Central Catholic	42	47	L
Bloomington	50	38	W
Lincoln HS Tourney vs. Lincoln HS	56	45	W

Freshman Basketball

Row 1: Emma Harding, Alexa Niebur, Alexa Onsurd, Kaitlyn Spaulding
Row 2: Britany Ziemer Logan Murray, Chelsie Price, Sophie Dorgan, Celeste Noraian

Bloomington	42	10	W
Pontiac	37	35	W
Normal Community	40	37	W
CCHS F/S Tourney vs. Olympia	38	33	W
CCHS F/S Tourney vs. Eureka	27	47	L

JV Basketball

Row 1: Emma Harding, Abigail Klein, LeeLanda Brewer, Kendy Ummel, Alexa Niebur, Alexa Onsurd
Row 2: Britany Ziemer, Logan Murray, Sophie Dorgan, Chelsie Price, Celeste Noraian, Kaitlyn Spaulding

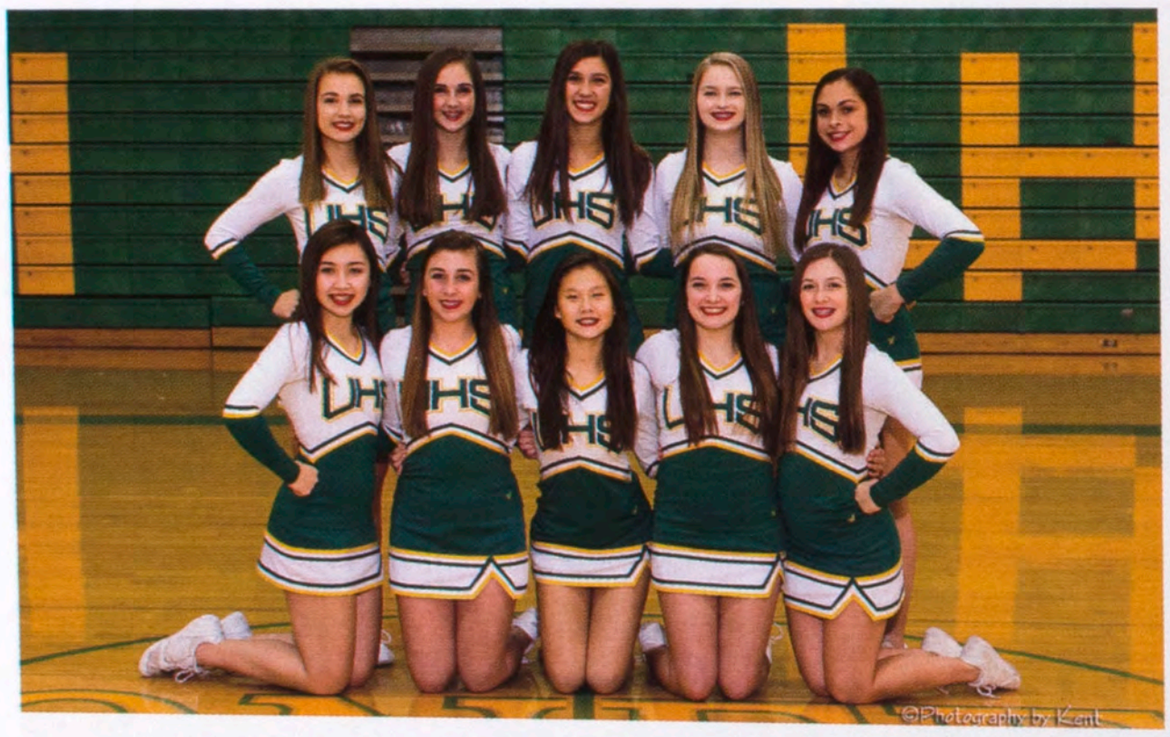
Central Catholic	37	47	L
IVC	45	19	W
Olympia	41	24	W
Prairie Central	34	21	W
Pontiac	34	27	W

Varsity Basketball

Row 1: Jasmyne Lawrence, Amber Nanni, Raven Hughes, Jessica Huber, Jessica Baker
Row 2: Kimberly Sendelbach, Grace Barclay, Addison Loeffler, Cheyenne Petersen, Chelsie Price, Abigail Klein

Central Catholic	63	23	W
Olympia	51	29	W
Prairie Central	60	25	W
IHSA Regional vs. Peoria Notre Dame	59	40	W
IHSA Sectional vs. Morton	42	58	L

JV Cheer



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Row 2: Taylor Wilson, Courtney Kowalski, Emma Kieser, Piper Schuring, Sophie Fitzgerald

Varsity Cheer

Row 1: Olivia Markert, Madison Bever, Taylor McCormick, Olivia Cramer
Row 2: Janelle McDowell, Anna Rodriguez, Nicole Schoenig, Karizma Im, Emily Schoenig
Row3: Roman Kannaday, Brianna Hendren, Elyse Schoenig, Faith Ausili, Ellie Paul, Madison Thompson, Alexis Rowe, Anne Rich, Samantha Spain, Zachary Wolford, Caleb Evans, Paige Rowe, Beau Hendren

Bradley Bourbonnaise Invite	1st
Oak Forest Invite	2nd
Palos HIlls Stagg Invite	1st
IHSA Sectional	1st
IHSA State	4th

Wrestling

Row 1: Alec Rodriguez, Jack Kolb, Zach Franz, Dylan Carey, Edwin Kelso, Brody Kline, Nolin Dale, Wyatt Broers ,Parker Alexander Row 2: Coach Kevin Dearing, Jeffrey Kapraun, Zachary Gocker, Packard Otto, Tyler Hanson, Denver Hoffert , Coach Mike Troll

Manahan Duals vs. DeeMack HS	39	35	W
Porta Super Duals vs. Pittsfield HS	32	24	W
Olympia	18	58	L
Prairie Central	18	54	L
Intercity vs. Normal Community West	12	72	L

Boys Swim

Row 1: James Hess, Jake Harrison, Andrew Ritsema, Kyle Johnson, Simon Heinich, Matthew Hansel, Thomas Stamets
Row 2: Kevin Yarger, Joshua Nepomuceno, Joshua Pinter, Elijah Gray, Anthony Williamson, Harrison Fudge, Colton Stogner, Michelle Meyer

Champaign Centennial Charger Invite	377	2nd
Pontiac	92	W
Intercity Meet	NA	1st
IHSA Sectionals	262	1st
IHSA State	26.5	14th

JV Soccer

Row 1: Lila Rolon, Whitney Huettemann, Kearsten Personette, Madison Miller, Layla Jones, LeeLanda Brewer, Daisy Covarrubias, Lindsey Baker, Umme Ahsan, Molly Bledsoe, Celeste Noraian Row 2: Elizabeth Parrott, Aubrey Oitker, Emma Noraian, Abigail Klein, Piper Schuring, Grace Rich, Coach Tiffany Masters, Katherine Raycraft, Meado Randolph, Abbigail Thurman, Brooke Oitker, Leandra Lin, Coach Hayley Sefton

Pekin	1-0	W
IVC	W	W
Champaign Central	1-0	W
Mahomet-Seymour	0-3	L
Normal West JV Invite	2-0	W

Varsity Soccer

Row 1: Abigail Klein, Daisy Covarrubias, Lindsey Baker, Kearsten Personette, LeeLanda Brewer, Alexandra Eisenreich, Meredith Heller, Ella Gordon, Elise Crockett, Lauren Dubravec, Julia Herrman Row 2: Evelyn Redell, Sophie Dorgan, Aubrey Oitker, Cassandra Trosino, Sydney Lighty, Elena Hollingsworth, Coach Hayley Sefton, Sarah LaFayette, Adejoke Adanri, Robin Fiero, Advika Kamatar, Anna Tulley, Celeste Noraian, Coach Tiffany Masters

	5-0	W
Central Catholic	14-0	W
Peoria Manual High School	7-0	W
Sectionals vs. Riverton	3-2	W
State Semi-Final vs. Johnsburg	2-4	2nd
IHSA State		

Freshman Baseball

Row 1: Christopher Merica, Brandon Tomic, Parker Marshall, Jackson Blemler, Caleb Gross, Alec Rodriguez, Aaron Kull
Row 2: Coach Charlie Shempf, Brendan Tupper, Jackson Powell, Caden Overton, Drew Ziebarth, Carlos Morn-Toro, Coach Harley Miller

Morton	9	8	W
IVC	19	14	W
Mahomet Seymour	8	2	W
Bloomington	11	4	W
Normal Community	3	8	L

JV Baseball

Row 1: Damon Jagodzinski, Ashton Croff, Austin Keil, Bailey Klemmensen, Robert Bryant, Boston Cooper, Joseph McCullough
Row 2: Andre Pinkney, Caleb Gonzales, Paul Africano, Coach Tom Whiting, Matthew Taylor, Ty Ziebarth, Benjamin Phillips

Mahomet-Seymour	5	4	W
Central Catholic	14	9	W
Tremont	5	6	W
Olympia	11	3	W
Normal Community West	4	5	L

Varsity Baseball

Row 1: Ryan Poland, Matthew Mosele, Lake Williams, Jacob Armstrong, William Mote, John Gibson, Beau Hendren-Santiago
Row 2: Coach Jon Haws, John Feely, Owen Martin, Nathan Hardman, Jacob Mote, Coach Steve Paxson, Jonathan Merna, John Sauser, Christopher Cuppini, Parker Mathieson, Matthew Mier, Coach Mike Badorek

Powell (TN)	10	6	L
Bloomington High School	10	3	W
Pontiac	9	6	L
Prairie Central	7	6	W
Central Catholic	10	0	W

Boys Tennis

Row 1: Bradley Martin, Michael Kraft, James Han, Vishnu Anagani, Dorath Chamarthi, Nathan Clay, Mason Runkel, Matthew Hansel, Brian Reiss
Row 2: Thomas Scott, Noah Litwiller, Samuel Fansler, Joshua Friesen, Carter Burk, Coach Jon Friesen, Chidambara Anagani, Thomas Moh, Zachariah Bray, Samuel Rubin, Niklas Klauss

Intercity	1st
BHS Invite	3rd
Hill Invite	2nd
IHSA Sectional	1st
IHSA State	4th

Girls Track

1st	Intercity
1st	Cornbelt Conference
7th	Sectionals
20th	IHSA State

Row 1: Natasha Schuckman, Alexandra Seehus, Rylee Schoon, Pimchanok Intraprasit, Connie Chen, McKenna Sapp, Emily Schoenig, Brianna Hendren-Santiago, Emerson Mussey, Lauren Brown, Emily OLeary, Makaylea Sepich, Lauren Seaver, Abby Totten
Row 2: Isabel Gravez, Lupita Echeverria, Britany Ziemer, Oliva Cramer, Jessica McDowell, Nicole Schoenig, Taylor McCormick, Samantha Spain, Olivia Markert, Courtney Kowalski, Sophia Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Raycraft, Rachel Kullman
Row 3: Coach Jenny Ward, Kathryn Clausen, Coach Chris Shintaku, Carrington Walker, McKena McClellan, Chloe Benyamin, Paige Rowe, Jahda Wilbert-Davis, Coach John Neisler, Brooklyn Mosley, Kaitlyn Spaulding, Ava Trevarthan, Susanna Angles, Riley Madix, Emma Harding, Natalie Leathers, Olivia Shouse, Coach Stu Shaver
Row 4: Anna Rodriguez, Kathleen Reeves, Lena Chalian, Jessica Baker, Brianna Pinter, Ally Shepherd, Emmilene Chambers, Caitlin Mussey, Jacqueline Bacon

Boys Track

2nd	Intercity
2nd	Cornbelt Conference
3rd	Sectionals
1st	IHSA State

Row 1: Cameron Jain, Christopher Voegele, Shawn Mohammed, Brian Cordero, Rohan Kamatar, Jackson McClure, Matthew Zacharias, Dane Alexander, Benjamin Houchin, Maanav Patel, Alexander Diffor, Alok Kamatar, David Kim
Row 2: Tyler Livingston, Broderick Wall, Harrison Porter, Jared Schuckman, Hayden Thomson, Caleb Diffor, Zane Sorensen, Joshua Pinter, Aaron Wheeler, Alex Feit, Cooper Wilken, Edwin Kelso, Colton Stogner, Chase Hari, Evan Anderson, Derek Nanni, Nicholas King
Row 3: Coach Stacey Welter, Coach Natalie Wheeler, Joseph Tulley, Adam Trevarthan, Henry Wissmiller, Joshua Lewis, Tanner Gillam, Joshua Nepomuceno, Coach Lester Hampton, Zachary Wolford, Kee Randolph, Aidan Bovee, Spencer Parker, Joseph Brown, James Hess, Coach Avery Queen, Coach Karonji Carr, Coach Vincent Kilbride
Row 4: Grant Burrell, Jacob Helms, John Franklin, Packard Otto, Jack Martin, Myles Aldridge, Michael Elzanati, Grayson Will,, Jeff Kapraun, Joshua Henderson

JV Softball

Row 1: Makaylea Sepich, Maddison Roop, Keagan Bouman, Bridget Poole, Emma Martin, Katelyn Armstrong, Taylor Wilson, Lana Williams, Samantha Cassel
Row 2: Coach Alex Wagner, Coach Kayla Haines, Emily OLeary, Addison Steward, Elena Rolley, Coach Lori Cook-Baird, Kelsey Torrez, Emma Watson, Mackenzie Van Valey, Kennadi Outlaw, Coach Ashley Clingingsmith, Coach Carrie McCann

Concordia Lutheran (Texas)	18-3	W
Prairie Central	12-3	W
Pontiac	5-2	W
Mahomet-Seymour	13-5	L
Normal Community West	2-0	W

Varsity Softball

Row 1: Emily OLeary, Emma Martin, Kennadi Outlaw, Lana Williams, Lexus Tennison, Emma Watson, Taylor Wilson Row 2: Coach Alex Wagner, Raven Blust, Maddison Roop, Grace Matheis, Becca Wagner, Jasmyne Lawrence, Madalyne Patton, Nahdia Wilbert-Davis, Brianna Poole Row 3: Coach Kayla Haines, Coach Murray Hynes, Makaylea Sepich, Elena Rolley, Kelsey Torrez, Coach Al Toliver, Danielle Witzig, Madeline Boucher, Mackenzie Van Valey, Coach Ashley Clingingsmith, Coach Carrie McCann

Union County High School (TN)	4-0	W
Central Catholic	6-5	W
Olympia	10-8	L
Illinois Valley Central	4-1	W
Normal Community West	5-1	W

Activities

Orchestra

Left to Right: Pimchanok Intraprasit, Emmilene Chambers, Kirsten Koehler, Sophie Dorgan, Zoey Carlson, Madelin Kim, Derek Wagher, Joshua Nepomuceno, Lianna Pfister, Anita Kovalaske, Abby Petersen, Sanjana Satish, Sarah Park, Susanna Angles, Emerson Mussey, Mathew Suh, Kristina Kovaleske, Piper Schuring, Alexis Engst, Alexandra Seehuus, Kate Kelso, James Han, Dylan Chambers, Irene Park, Samuel Fansler, Isaac Earnest, Xavier Zaitzeff, Savannah Remkus, Michael Story, Ava Trevarthan, David Kim, Andrew Meyer, Kate Humphrey
Missing: Sam Rubin

Pep Band

Row 1: Selah Schieber, Jennifer Park, Stephanie Soukup, Ellie Landes, Lauren Black, Dalton Bates, Keagan Bouman, Megan Black, Sydni Ritsema, Andrina Alvarado, Emma Litwiller, Clare Griffin, LeeLanda Brewer, Maura Coughlin Row 2: Noah Litwiller, Molly Day, Nicholas King, Amit Sawhney, Anna Greenfield, Patrick Fitzgerald, Gabriel Pfister, Hayden Thomson, Alexander Keene, Joshua Kuhn, Lillian Wilkin, Alexander Diffor, Noah Franklin, Isabella Favis, Julianna Heptinstall Row 3: Joseph Dubravec, Elise Crockett, Alena Culbertson, Bennett Sinclair, Joseph McCullough, Matthew Messman, Jacob Susina, Isaac Phillips, Samuel Fansler, Lila Rolon, Luke Armstrong, Tyler Livingston, Brad Martin, Matthew Stamets, Jonathan Boudreax, Nathan Pritts, Adam Schofield

Marching Band

Row 1: Alexander Keene, Paige Maffett, Matthew Stamets Row 2: Zachariah Bray, Elise Crockett, Noah Franklin, Joseph Dubravec, Daniel Ray, Alexander Walbert, Bennett Sinclair, Joshua Kuhn, Jordyn Blythe Row 3: Boston Cooper, Anastasia Ervin, Veronica Ervin, Shaurya Taxali, Chase Hari, Joseph McCullough, Gabriel Pfister, Noah Litwiller, Maya Cohler, Benjamin Houchin Row 4: Keagan Bouman, Alexander Diffor, Sydni Ritsema, Andrina Alvarado, Aubrey Oitker, Anna Greenfield, Cheyenne Brockett, Alena Culbertson, Megan Black, Abigail Huettemann, Selah Schieber, Alexandra Beam Row 5: Clare Griffin, LeeLanda Brewer, Stephanie Soukup, Kimberly Decremer, Ellie Landes, Jennifer Park, Emily Houston, Maura Coughlin, Emma Litwiller, Lauren Black Row 6: Rowan Scott, Julianna Heptinstall, Isabella Favis, Isabella Houchin, Patrick Fitzgerald, Rachel Kullman, Alexander Plumadore Row 7: James Hess, Nicholas King, Andrew Ritsema, Molly Day, Amit Sawhney, Brooke Oitker, Matthew Messman, Jacob Susina, Andrew Vasquez, Timothy Murphy, Isaac Phillips, Rosa Rolon Row 8: Luke Armstrong, Lila Rolon, Samuel Fansler, Tripper Pierce, Brad Martin, Thomas Scott, Parker Marshall, Lillian Wilkin Row 9: Jeffrey Kapraun, Dakari Gordon, Adam Schofield, Nathan Pritts, Jonathan Boudreaux Row 10: Britany Ziemer, Amelia Markert, Lianna Pfister

Jazzin' the Evenin'

Row 1: Elyse Schoenig, Caroline McKinzie, Abby Naden, Isabelle Jacobsen, Joseph Dubravec, Jonah King, Jonathan Boudreax Row 2: Lianna Pfister, Sydney Auth, Ellie Landes, Leah Taylor, Kevin LeMentec, Nicolas Dunne, Gabriel Pfister, Daniel Ray Row 3: Anna Greenfield, Lauren Dubravec, Annelia Pierce, Joshua Kuhn, Rickey Orr, Zyon Randle, Jeffrey Kapraun

Vocal Chordination

Row 1: Emily Houston, Abigail Huettemann, Abby Totten, Lauren Bacon, Anna Greenfield, Madalyn Schmitt
Row 2: Sydney Auth, McKena McClellan, Hadley Hagerty, Christiana Thompson, Grace Rich, Tsara Summerlin

Concert Band

Row 1: Jennifer Park, Stephanie Soukup, Ellie Landes, Lauren Black, Dalton Bates, Kimberly DeCremer, Emma Litwiller, Clare Griffin, Maura Coughlin, LeeLanda Brewer, Emily Houston
Row 2: Selah Schieber, Alena Culbertson, Alexander Diffor, Cheyenne Brockett, Keagan Bouman, Abigail Huettemann, Aubrey Oitker, Megan Black, Sydni Ritsema, Andrina Alvarado, Alexandra Beam, Anna Greenfield, Rachel Kullman, Anastasia Ervin
Row 3: Rosa Rolon, Matthew Messman, Andrew Vazquez, Molly Day, Nicholas King, Amit Sawhney, Paige Maffett, Alexander Plumadore, Patrick Fitzgerald, Hayden Thomson, Gabriel Pfister, Carter Bruns, Alexander Keene, Isabella Houchin, Julianna Heptinstall, Isabella Favis, Rowan Scott, Maya Cohler, Annellia Pierce, Veronica Ervin

Jazz Gold

Row 1: Alexander Keene, Carter Bruns, Patrick Fitzgerald, Alexander Plumadore, Lillian Wilkin
Row 2: Sebastian Nassar, Bennett Sinclair, Andrew Vazquez, Rosa Rolon, Jacob Susina, Timothy Murphy, Jonathan Boudreaux, Lila Rolon, Matthew Stamets, Samuel Fansler, Alena Culbertson, Daniel Ray

Jazz Green

Row 1: Abigail Huettemann, Ellie Landes, Selah Schieber, Jennifer Park, Anna Greenfield, Gabriel Pfister
Row 2: Sydni Ritsema, Nathan Pritts, Nicholas King, Molly Day, Julianna Heptinstall, Isaac Phillips, Luke Armstrong, Thomas Scott, Tyler Livingston, Jeffrey Kapraun, Joseph Dubravec, Shaurya Taxali, Benjamin Houchin

Fifth Step

Row 1: Joshua Kuhn, Kevin LeMentec, Jeffrey Kapraun, Alexander Walbert, Daniel Ray, Jonathan Boudreaux, Zyon Randle, Kristopher Guthrie

Stella a Capella

Row 1: Illyana Lin, Elyse Schoenig, Natalie Thomison, Lauren Dubravec, Emily Rodriguez, Leah Taylor, Christiana Thompson, Fiona Peterson-Quinn, Ellie Landes

Treble Choir

Row 1: Madalyn Schmitt, Abigail Huettemann, Emily Houston, Mikaela Ruiz, Lauren Bacon
Row 2: Hannah Simonovic, Isabel Cutting, Robin Fiero, Christiana Thompson, Adejoke Adanri, Hadley Hagerty

Court Singers

Row 1: Fiona Peterson-Quinn, Emily Houston, Abigail Huettemann, Sydney Auth, Abby Naden, McKena McClellan
Row 2: Tripper Pierce, Patrick Fitzgerald, Peyton Tongate, Gena Mendez, Isabelle Jacobsen, Tsara Summerlin, Shaunak Taxali, Jonah King
Row 3: Gabriel Pfister, Alexandra Beam, Lauren Bacon, Evelyn Redell, Colton Stogner, Hannah Matthews, Grace Rich, Colin Poultney

Chorus I

Row 1: Peyton Tongate, Beria Hos, Brynn Bowers, Abby Naden, Madison Bever, Samantha Lighty, Emily O'Leary, Julia Herrman, Kennadi Outlaw, Abriana Ruiz, Joseph Dubravec, Brody Kline, Sean Supan, Gabriel Pfister
Row 2: Alyssa Johnson, Lily Matthews, Brianna Hendren- Santiago, Carrington Walker, Alexa Niebur, Samantha Spain, Lupita Echeverria, Madeline Thomas, Sophia Fitzgerald, Makaylea Sepich, Abby Totten, Nolan Kelley, Mason Runkel, Edwin Kelso
Row 3: Evelyn Redell, Tsara Summerlin, Anna Greenfield, Kaitlyn Ludwig, Taylor McCormick, Emma Harding, Elizabeth Raycraft, Natalie Leathers, Celeste Noraian, Alyssa Clausen, Olivia Cramer, Kathryn Clausen, Abbigail Thurman, Molly Adams, Joshua Brown, Grant Burwell, Justin Farris, Tripper Pierce
Row 4: Jahda Wilbert-Davis, Annika Cappis, Bridget Poole, Grace Leskovisek, Isabel Schaefbauer, Grace Rich, McKena McClellan, Shanley Kearney, Elizabeth Parrott, Susanna Angles, Celeste Berardi, Hannah Matthews, Taylor Patkunas, Hannah Prochnow, Luke Ludwig, Emanuel Bada, Thomas Moh, Myles Aldridge, Jason Lenz

Madrigals

Row 1: Joshua Kuhn, Annellia Pierce
Row 2: Emily Rodriguez, Ellie Landes, Drew Johnson, Jeffrey Kapraun, Logan Piker, Caitlin Mussey, Lianna Pfister, Catherine Winger, Stephanie Soukup
Row 3: Sebastian Nassar, Alexander Walbert, Kevin LeMentec, Daniel Ray, Jonathan Boudreaux, Nicholas Dunne

Madrigal Brass

Row 1: Andrew Vazquez, Rosa Rolon, Julianna Heptinstall, Isabella Favis
Row 2: Matthew Messman, Lila Rolon, Samuel Fansler, Tyler Livingston, Adam Schofield

Concert Choir

Row 1: Stephanie Soukup, Ryann Piker, Drew Johnson, Lauren Brown, Sydney Auth, Caitlin Mussey, Nicholas Dunne, Shaunak Taxali, Zyon Randle, Alexander Walbert
Row 2: Logan Piker, Caroline McKinzie, Natalie Thomison, Gena Mendez, Teagan Jordan, Isabelle Jacobsen, Ellie Landes, Sebastian Nassar, Joshua Henderson, Hunter Keane, Christopher Guthrie
Row 3: Emma Merriman, Emily Rodriguez, Allisson Mercier, Elyse Schoenig, Fiona Peterson-Quinn, Savannah Taylor, Jordyne Blythe, Cory Maaks, Kevin LeMentec, Jonah King, Travis Baird, Jonathan Boudreaux
Row 4: Lianna Pfister, Lauren Dubravec, Catherine Winger, Ava Trevarthan, Alexandra Beam, Annelia Pierce, Leah Taylor, Joshua Kuhn, Rickey Orr, Colin Poultney, Justin Maaks, Jeffrey Kapraun, Daniel Ray

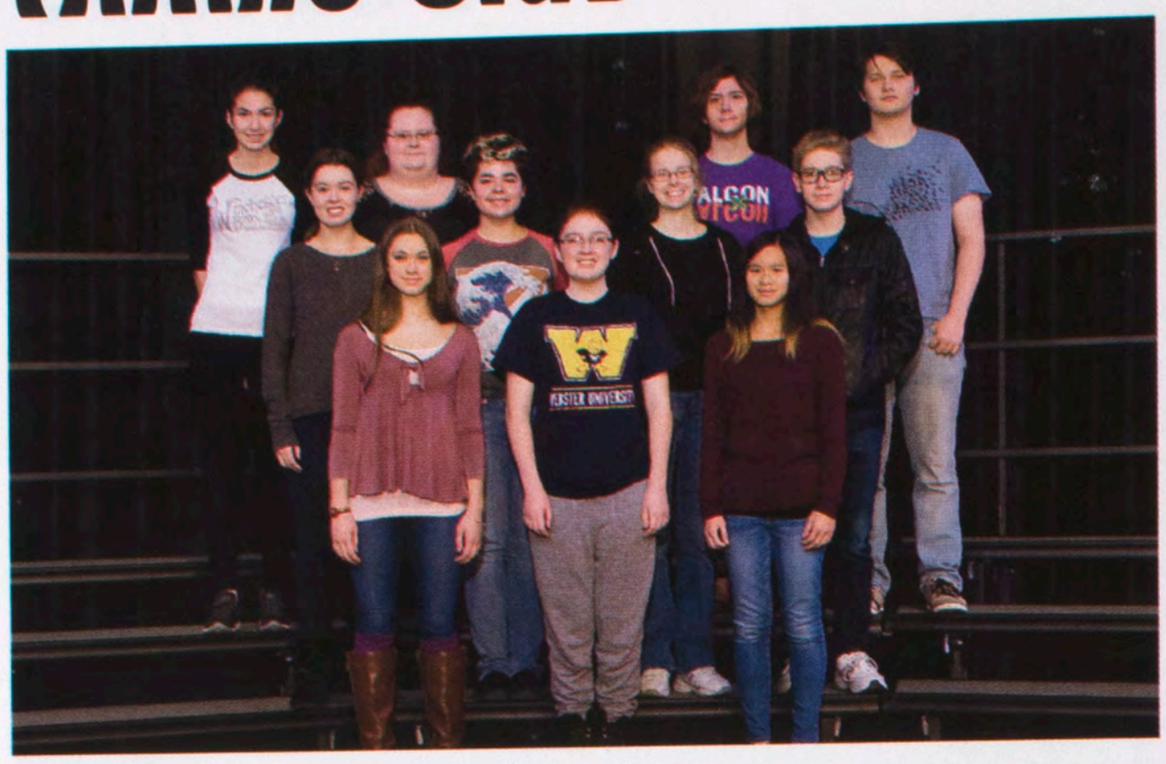
Madrigal Recorders

Row 1: LeeLanda Brewer, Jennifer Park, Anna Greenfield
Row 2: Kimberly Decremer, Luke Armstrong, Keagan Bouman

Madrigal Strings

Row 1: Matthew Suh, Irene Park, Samuel Fansler, Piper Schuring

Anime Club



Row 1:Kirsten Koehler, Fiona Peterson-Quinn, Alexandra Seehuus
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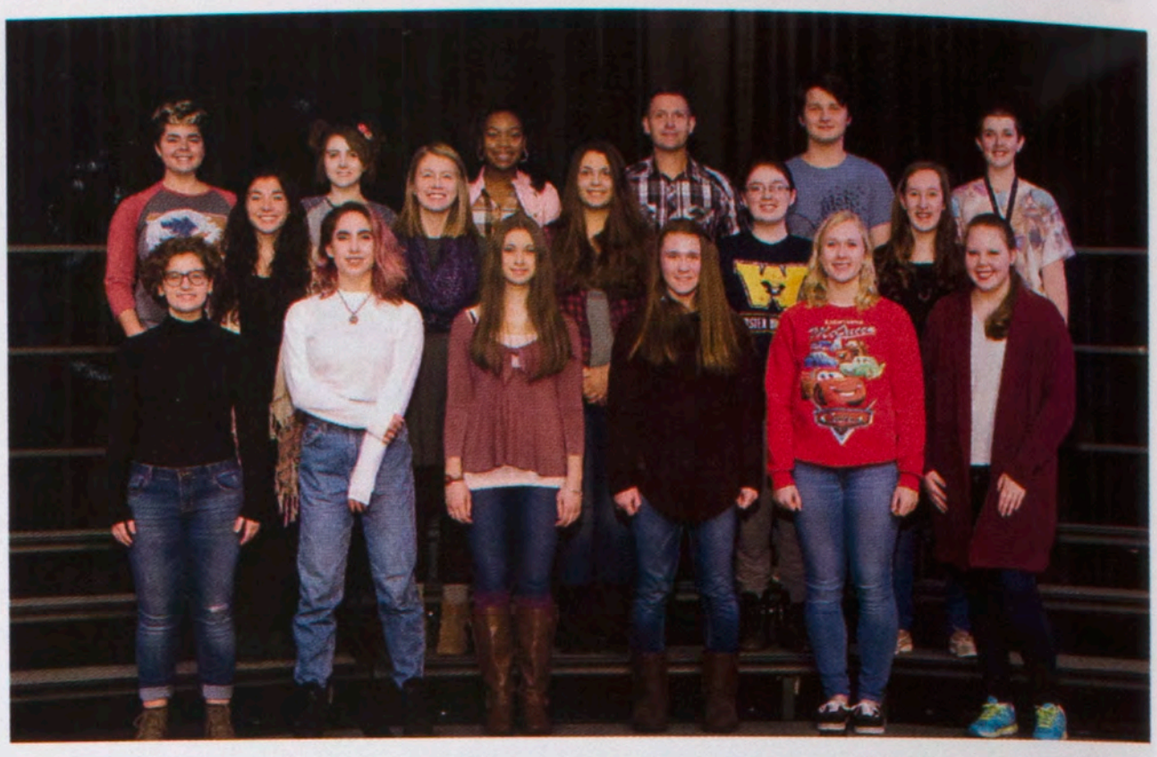
Row 3: Amelia Markert, Hannah Simonovic, Montgomery Winslow, Joseph Lucey

Art Club



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Row 2: Ally Sheperd, Anna Tulley, Sarah Angles, Fiona Peterson-Quinn, Abbigail Thurman
Row 3: Sydni Ritsema, Tsara Summerlin, Jasmyne Lawrence, Mr. Henning, Joseph Lucey, Rowan Scott

Black Student Union

Row 1: Kate Humphrey, Natalie Thomison, Jade Fung, Jordyn Blythe, Isabelle Jacobsen, LeeLanda Brewer, Layla Jones
Row 2: Katelyn James, Madeline Thomas, Jasmyne Lawrence, Brooklyn Mosley, Gabrielle Pledger, Aubrie Smith, LeeAnn Broderick
Row 3: Lauren Dubravec, Alexander Keene, Jonathan Boudreaux, Boston Cooper III, Elijah King, Zyon Randle, Celeste Berardi

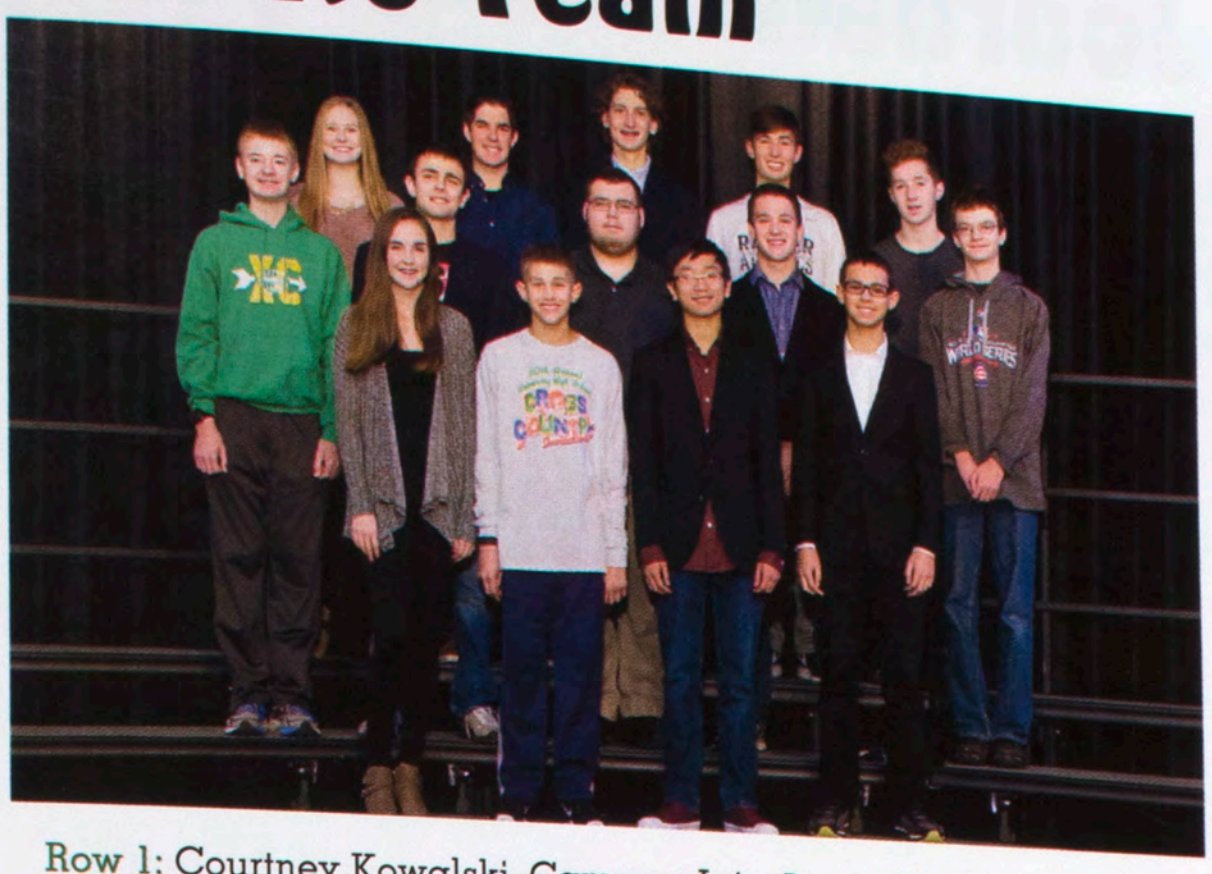
Brome & Beyond

Row 1: Eva Clay, LeeAnn Broderick, Anastasia Ervin
Row 2: Aubrie Smith, Sydni Ritsema

Chess Team

Row 1: Douglas Lamb, Vishnu Anagani, Harrison Porter, Viren Desai, Naasha Schuckman
Row 2: Tanner Martin, Edwin Kelso, Brian Cordero, Shaunak Taxali, Jared Schuckman, Kirsten Koehler
Row 3: Henry Wissmiller, Vishvarath Balasubramanian-Karthikeyan, Chidambara Anagani, Isaac Phillips, Nicholas Rolley, Jack Dawson

Debate Team



Row 1: Courtney Kowalski, Cameron Jain, James Han, Sam Rubin
Row 2: Nicholas King, Joshua Henderson, Travis Baird, Simon Heinrich, Derek Wagher
Row 3: Sophie Dorgan, Matthew Stamets, Jack Sauser, Henry Wissmiller, Christopher Merica

FCA

Row 1: Shreya Ramachandran, Janelle McDowell, LeeLanda Brewer, Layla Jones
Row 2: Abbigail Thurman, Meredith Heller, John Munn, Jessica McDowell, Makaylea Sepich
Row 3: Victoria Coleman, Maddison Roop, Madeline Zook, Brooklyn Mosley, Jasmyne Lawrence, Carter Bruns
Row 4: Luke Armstrong, Jacob Phillips, James Armstrong, Jamie Walling, Leah Taylor, Matt Taylor, Isaac Ogunleye

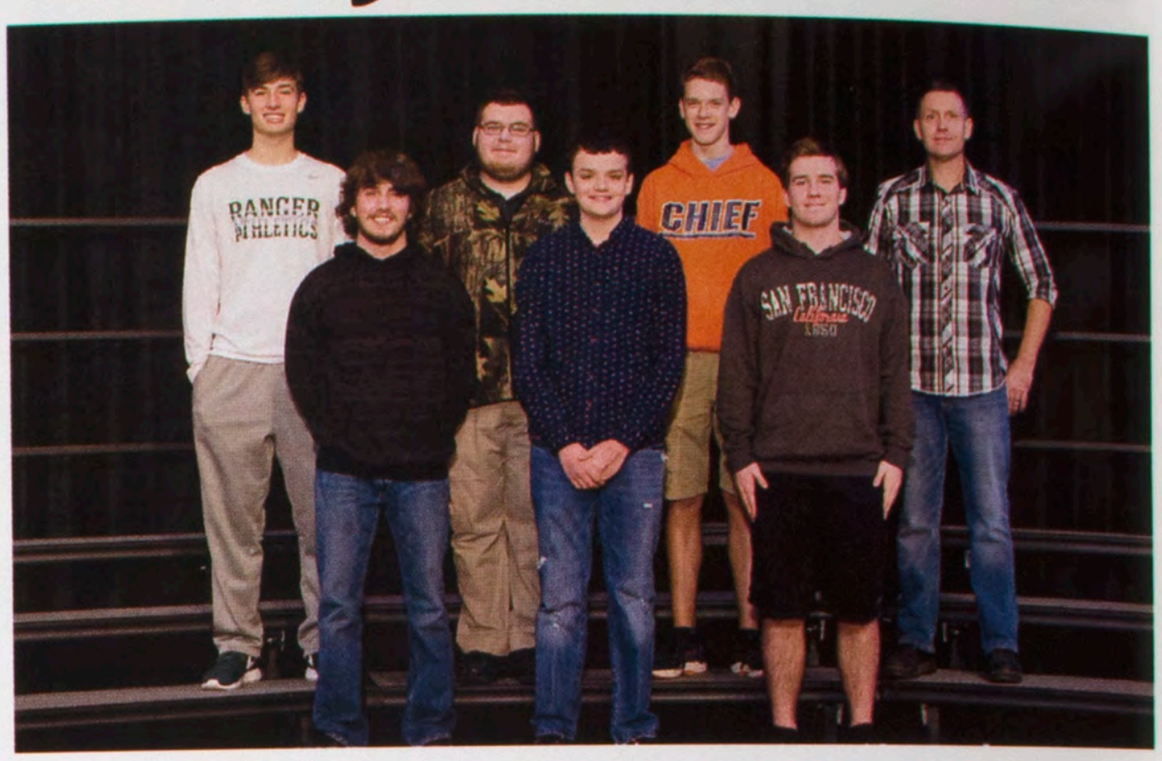
GSA

Row 1: Kate Humphrey, Sydni Ritsema, Lillian Wilkin
Row 2: Amelia Markert, Rowan Scott, Jasmyne Lawrence, Cree Harris
Row 3: Celeste Berardi, Jonathan Boudreaux, Oscar Urquizo

Journalism

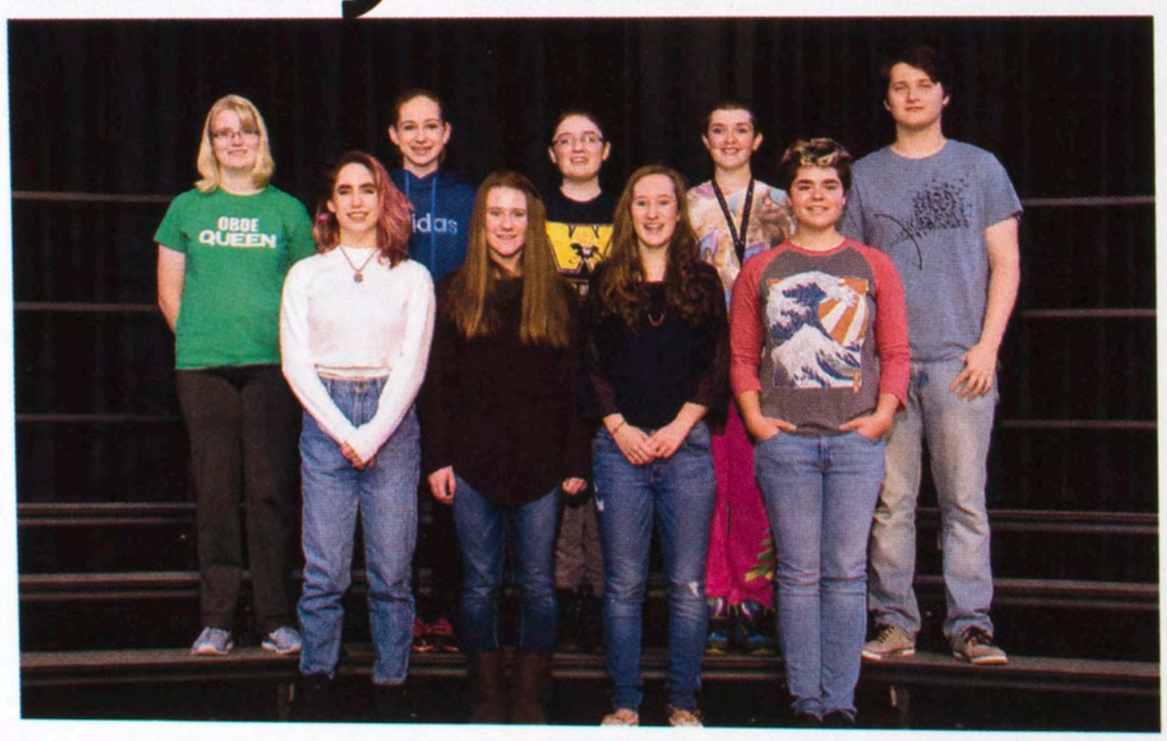
Row 1: Sarah Park, Gena Mendez, Savannah Remkus, Jaxon Heffner, Quinn Johnson, Megan Wittman, Grace Telling
Row 2: Janelle McDowell, Elijah Gray, Kaitlyn Ludwig, Adejoke Adanri, Sarah LaFayette, Robin Fiero, Nicholas Honzel
Row 3: Dylan Panizo, Emanuel Bada, Leah Taylor, Elijah King, Ressa Crubaugh, Brian Fry, Rebecca Wagner

Liberty Club



Row 1: Brendon Bacon, Harrison Whitaker, Edwin Kelso
Row 2: Henry Wissmiller, Travis Baird, Jonah Sweet, Mr. Henning

Library Club

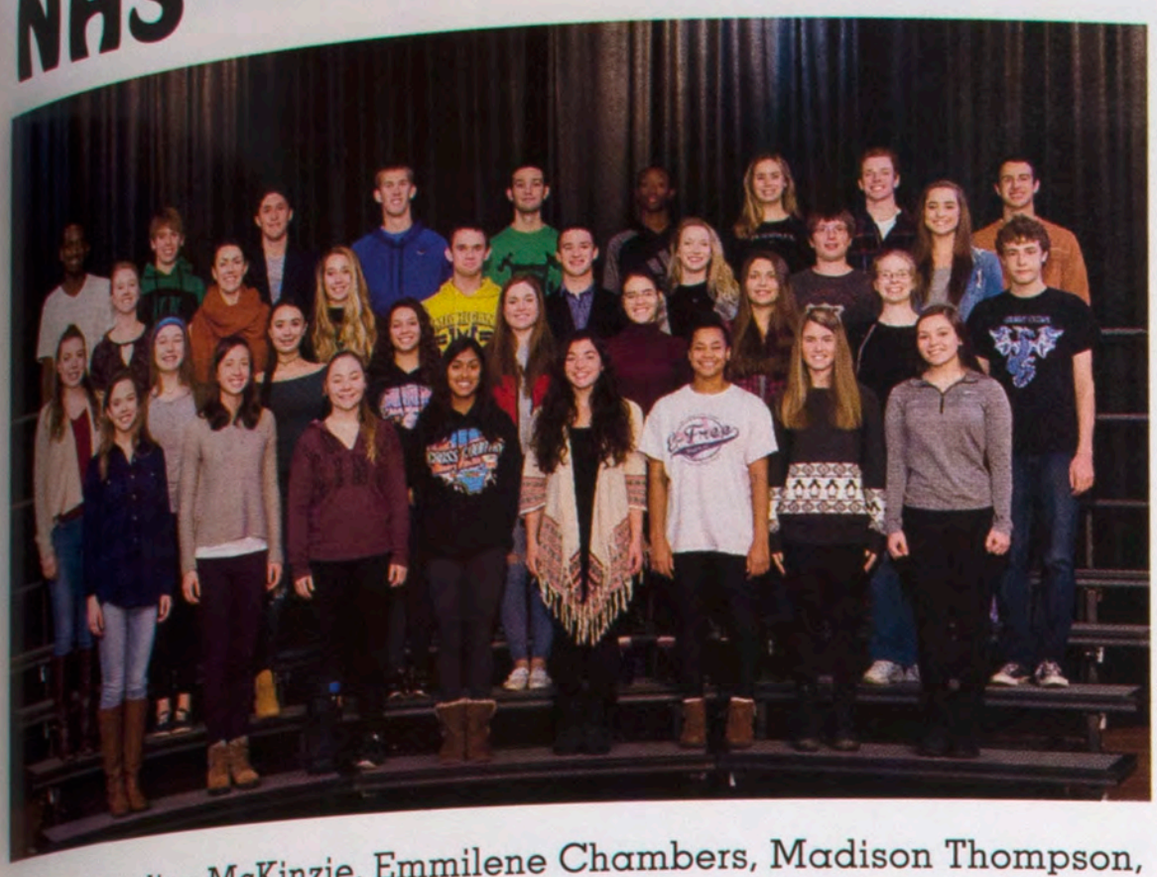


Row 1: Kate Humphrey, Makaylea Sepich, Abbigail Thurman, Sydni Ritsema
Row 2: Anastasia Ervin, Evelyn Redell, Fiona Peterson-Quinn, Rowan Scott, Joseph Lucey

Math Team

Row 1: Sarah Park, Stephanie Soukup, Isabel Cutting, Sanjana Satish, David Kim, Derek Nanni, Shaurya Taxali
Row 2: Advika Kamatar, Shaunak Taxali, Jennifer Park, Calis Lim, James Han, Sam Rubin, Alok Kamatar, Britany Ziemer
Row 3: Rohan Kamatar, Vishvarath Balasubramanian-Karthikeyan, Michael Mosley, John Sauser, Thomas Moh, Nicholas King, Charles Cutting, Simon Heinrich, Samuel Fansler, Jonah King

NHS



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Row 2: Emma Merriman, Paige Maffett, Logan Piker, Anna Rodriguez, Elena Hollingsworth, Quinn Johnson, Sarah Angles, Katana Colledge, Charles Cutting
Row 3: Taylor Lindsey, Kaylee Birlingmair, Jessica Baker, Jacob Phillips, Simon Heinrich, Megan Wittman, Alexander Plumadore, Leah Taylor
Row 4: Rickey Orr, Noah Franklin, Austin Spaulding, James Armstrong, Colin Hardman, Michael Mosley, Deanna Trosino, Dylan Panizo, Samuel Fansler

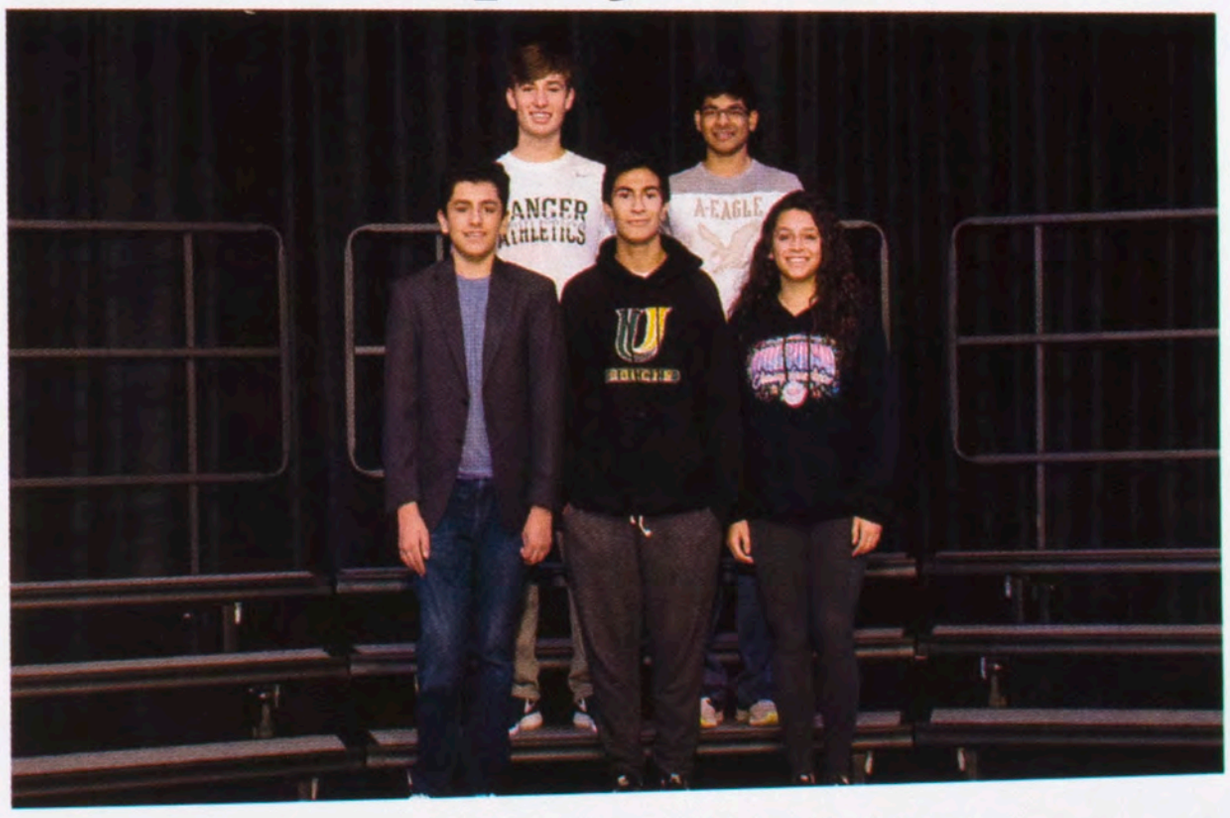
Orchesis

Row 1: Kate Humphrey, Eva Clay, Rosa Rolon, Lauren Bacon, Maddison Murphy, Peris Story, Caroline McKinzie, Taylor Brady, Abby Petersen, Sadie Cole
Row 2: Jordyn Blythe, Natalie Thomison, Annellia Pierce, Ryann Piker, Alexis French, Megan Wittman, Tajania Jenkins, Rowan Scott, Lianna Pfister, Logan Piker
Row 3: Hadley Hagerty, Catherine Winger, Kaylee Birlingmair, Taylor Lindsey, Danielle Kinsella, Rickey Orr, Jonathan Boudreaux, Joshua Kuhn, Zyon Randle, Grace Bryant, Allisson Mercier

Outdoor Club

Row 1: Cameron Jain, David Kim, Kathleen Reeves, Rachel Kullman, Ally Shepherd, Aubrie Smith, Sam Rubin, Curtis Ausili
Row 2: James Murphy, Christian Amble, Joseph Tulley, Katherine Raycraft, Broderick Wall, Harrison Porter, Kaitlyn Spaulding, Elizabeth Raycraft
Row 3: Derek Nanni, Kaleb Harding, Carter Bruns, Lena Chalian, Riley Madix, Anna Tulley, Alexandra Eisenreich, Nicholas King
Row 4: Jonah Sweet, Brianna Pinter, Henry Wissmiller, Grayson Will, Michael Elzanati, Austin Spaulding, Leah Taylor, Simon Heinrich, Amber Nanni

Philosophy Club

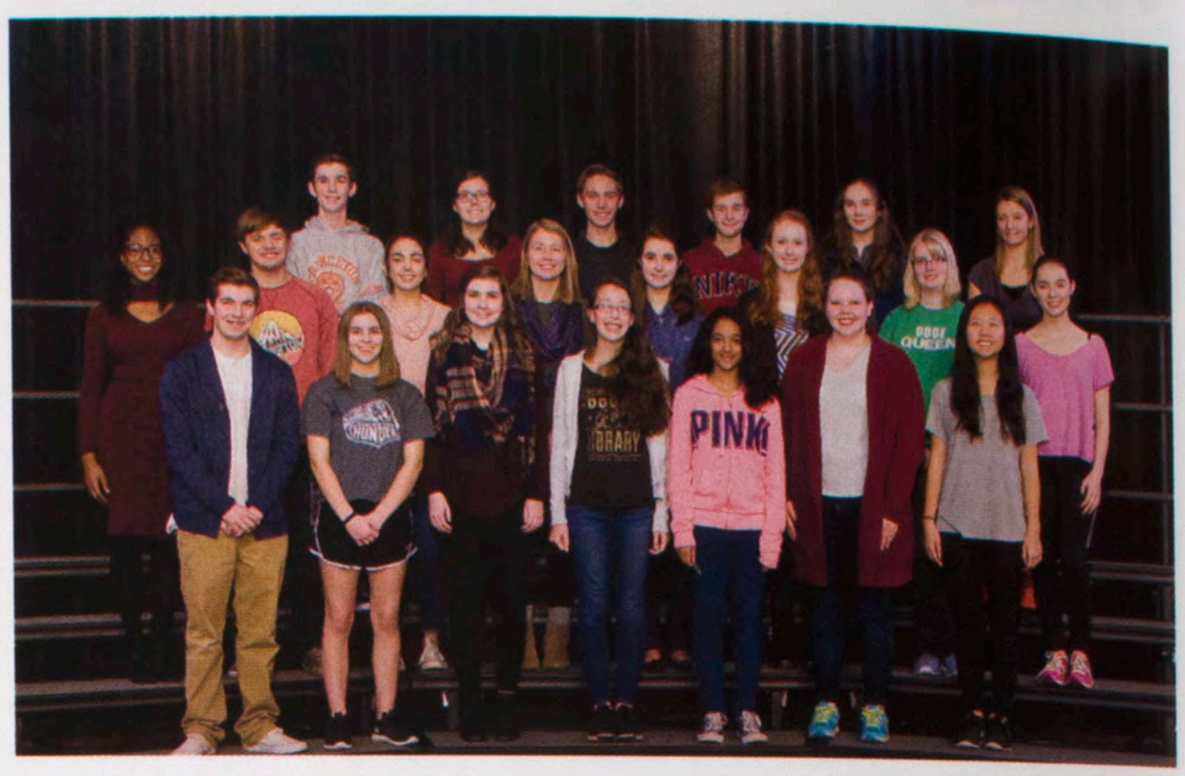


Row 1: Shaunak Taxali, Brian Cordero, Anna Rodriguez
Row 2: Henry Wissmiller, Vishvarath Balasubramanian-Karthikeyan

Rotary Interact

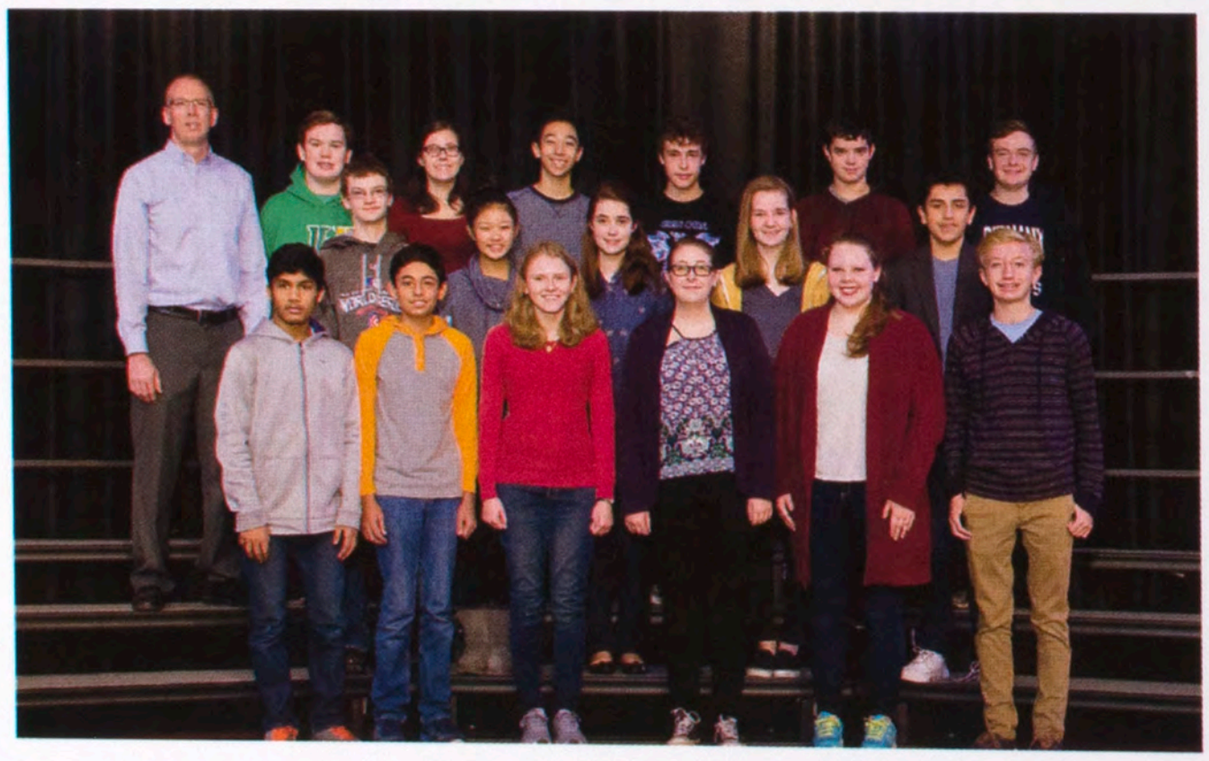
Row 1: Sarah Park, Jennifer Park, Umme Ahsan, Aubrie Smith, LeeLanda Brewer
Row 2: Lianna Pfister, Stephanie Parrott, LeeAnn Broderick, Maddison Murphy, Shaunak Taxali, Lila Rolon
Row 3: Lauren Bacon, Elizabeth Parrott, Robin Fiero, Celeste Berardi, Nicholas King
Row 4: Alexander Keene, Adejoke Adanri, Leah Taylor, Kaitlyn Ludwig, Oskar Urquizo, Hadley Hagerty

SAGE



Row 1: Liam Vaughn, Molly Bledsoe, Natalie Thomison, Alena Culbertson, Umme Ahsan, LeeAnn Broderick, Jennifer Park
Row 2: Jordyn Blythe, Nicholas Honzel, Maura Coughlin, Anna Tulley, Caroline Pickering, Lauren Dubravec, Anastasia Ervin, Ella Zona
Row 3: Ressa Crubaugh, Emma Noraian, Alexander Keene, Joseph Dubravec, Catherine Winger, Kimberly DeCremer

Scholastic Bowl



Row 1: Viren Desai, Shaurya Taxali, Stephanie Soukup, Isabel Cutting, LeeAnn Broderick, James Hess
Row 2: Derek Wagher, Irene Park, Caroline Pickering, Grace Rich, Shaunak Taxali
Row 3: Mr. Culbertson, Timothy Murphy, Emma Noraian, Thomas Moh, Charles Cutting, Charles Knapp, Adam Schofield

Senate

Row 1: Advika Kamatar, Caroline McKinzie, Natasha Schuckman, Emily Houston, Stephanie Soukup, Stephanie Chow
Row 2: James Hess, John Munn, Alok Kamatar, Shaunak Taxali, Bradley Martin, Elizabeth Raycraft, Maddison Murphy
Row 3: Calis Lim, Jennifer Park, Rohan Kamatar, Jordyn Blythe, Nicholas Honzel, Caroline Pickering, Joshua Henderson, Shreeya Malpani
Row 4: Nicholas King, Vishvarath Balasubramanian-Karthikeyan, Thomas Moh, Emma Noraian, Elena Hollingsworth, Jasmyne Lawrence, Chelsie Price, Christian Amble
Row 5: Noah Schofield, Austin Spaulding, Michael Kraft, Megan Wittman, Shawn Mohammed, Zyon Randle, Dylan Panizo, Carter Bruns

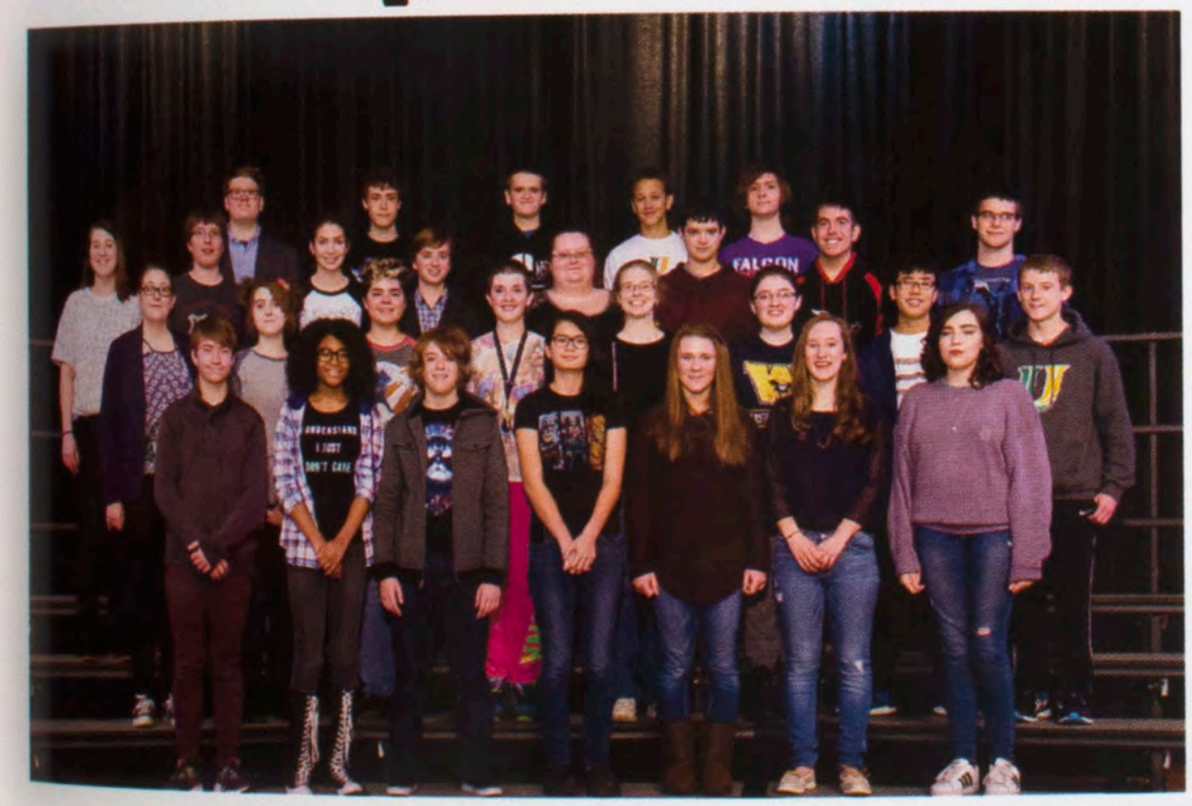
Spanish Club

Row 1: Emily Schoenig, Nicole Schoenig, Piper Schuring, Daisy Covarrubias, Cameron Jain, Emily Coddington, Karizma Im, Taylor McCormick, Kendy Ummel Row 2: Maddison Murphy, Jessica McDowell, Kennadi Outlaw, Jade Fung, Paige Rowe, Macy Tongate, Grace Matheis, Sophia Fitzgerald, Madelin Kim Row 3: Julianna Heptinstall, Elizabeth Stroh, Shaunak Taxali, Matthew Suh, Rowan Scott, Camden Brown, John Kelley, Mrs. Delatorre Row 4: Mason Runkel, Elyse Schoenig, Elizabeth Parrott, Stephanie Parrott, Chelsie Price, Natalie Leathers, Nickolas King, Courtney Kowalski, Sophie Dorgan, Kaitlyn Ludwig, Zyon Randle Row 5: Joe McCullough, Bennett Sinclair, Michael Kraft , Alexander Keene, Oskar Urquizo, Chloe Benyamin, Kelsey Torrez, Cheyenne Petersen, Mackenzie Van Valey, Nolan Kelley, Jahda Wilbert-Davis

Speech

Row 1: Emily Houston, Jake Harrison, Isabelle Jacobsen, Lillian Wilkin, Anna Greenfield, Madalyn Schmitt, Connie Chen, Shreya Ramachandran, Isabel Cutting Row 2: Sydney Auth, Kirsten Koehler, Ella Zona, Stephanie Chow, Broderick Wall, Kellie Stempinski, David Kim, Victoria Coleman, Riley Gillibrand Row 3: Cree Harris, Shanley Kearney, Shaunak Taxali, Jade Fung, Jordyn Blythe, James Han, Caroline Pickering, Emily Rodriguez, Natalie Thomison, Adam Schofield, Courtney Kowalski Row 4: Nicholas King, Alexandra Beam, Lauren Dubravec, Lianna Pfister, Logan Piker, Emma Noraian, Joshua Henderson, Alexander Plumadore, Lillian Culp, Allisson Mercier Row 5: Derek Nanni, Jacob Susina, Boston Cooper III, Michael Kraft, Jonathan Boudreaux, Austin Spaulding, Colin Hardman, Jack Sauser, Gabriel Pfister, Matthew Stamets, Harrison Gordon, Edwin Kelso

Tabletop Game Club



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Row 2: Isabel Cutting, Tsara Summerlin, Sydni Ritsema, Rowan Scott, Katana Colledge, Fiona Peterson-Quinn, David Kim, Bradley Martin
Row 3: Riley Gillibrand, Alexander Plumadore, Amelia Markert, Broderick Wall, Hannah Simonovic, Charles Knapp, Joshua Kuhn, Tanner Martin
Row 4: Harrison Gordon, Charles Cutting, Jack Dawson, Isaac Phillips, Montgomery Winslow

Tech Club

Row 1: Maanav Patel, McKena McClellan, Leandra Lin, Broderick Wall, Amelia Markert
Row 2: Jared Schuckman, Jackson Whitaker, David Roegner, Colton Stogner, Katana Colledge, Carlos Morn-Toro, Daniel Rugutt
Row 3: Dylan Panizo, Christopher Voegele, Vishvarath Balasubramanian-Karthikeyan, Alexander Plumadore, Boston Cooper, III, Joseph Tulley, Christopher Merica
Row 4: Mr. Culbertson, Nicholas Rolley, Chidambara Anagani, Alexander Kullman, Henry Wissmiller, Colin Hardman, Nickolas Leathers

U-Build

Row 1: Molly Bledsoe, Meredith Heller, Peris Story, Karizma Im, Daisy Covarrubias, Curtis Ausili, Samantha Spain
Row 2: Kennadi Outlaw, Isabel Gravez, Paige Maffett, Quinn Johnson, Faith Ausili, Jose "Alec" Rodriguez, Taylor McCormick, Olivia Cramer
Row 3: Keagan Bouman, Maura Coughlin, Julianna Heptinstall, Aubrie Smith, Anna Rodriguez, Lila Rolon, Kaitlyn Spaulding, Emma Harding, Taylor Brady
Row 4: Raven Blust, Joseph McCullough, Emma Merriman, Alikah Marshall, Robin Fiero, Melissa Reiss, Alok Kamatar, Nicholas King, Chelsie Price, Sophie Dorgan, Natalie Leathers Row 5: Mackenzie VanValey, Michael Kraft, Samuel Fansler, Deanna Trosino, Noah Franklin, Leah Taylor, Kaylee Birlingmair, Jessica Baker, Allisson Mercier, Nolan Kelley, Chase Hari

U-Link

Row 1: Jennifer Park, Anna Rodriguez, Alena Culbertson, Advika Kamatar, Shreya Ramachandran, Kaitlyn Spaulding
Row 2: Stephanie Soukup, Stephanie Parrott, Jade Fung, Alok Kamatar, Emmilene Chambers, Rohan Kamatar, LeeAnn Broderick
Row 3: Taylor Lindsey, Illyana Lin, Riley Gillibrand, Melissa Reiss, Caroline Pickering, Sarah Angles, Simon Heinrich, Alexander Plumadore
Row 4: Lauren Dubravec, Alexander Keene, Michael Kraft, John Sauser, Grayson Will, Michael Elzanati, Michael Mosley, Isaac Phillips

WYSE

Row 1: Xavier Zaitzeff, Isabel Cutting, Stephanie Soukup, Advika Kamatar, Sarah Park, Jennifer Park
Row 2: Calis Lim, Matthew Suh, Jared Schuckman, James Han, Rohan Kamatar, Alok Kamatar, Adam Schofield
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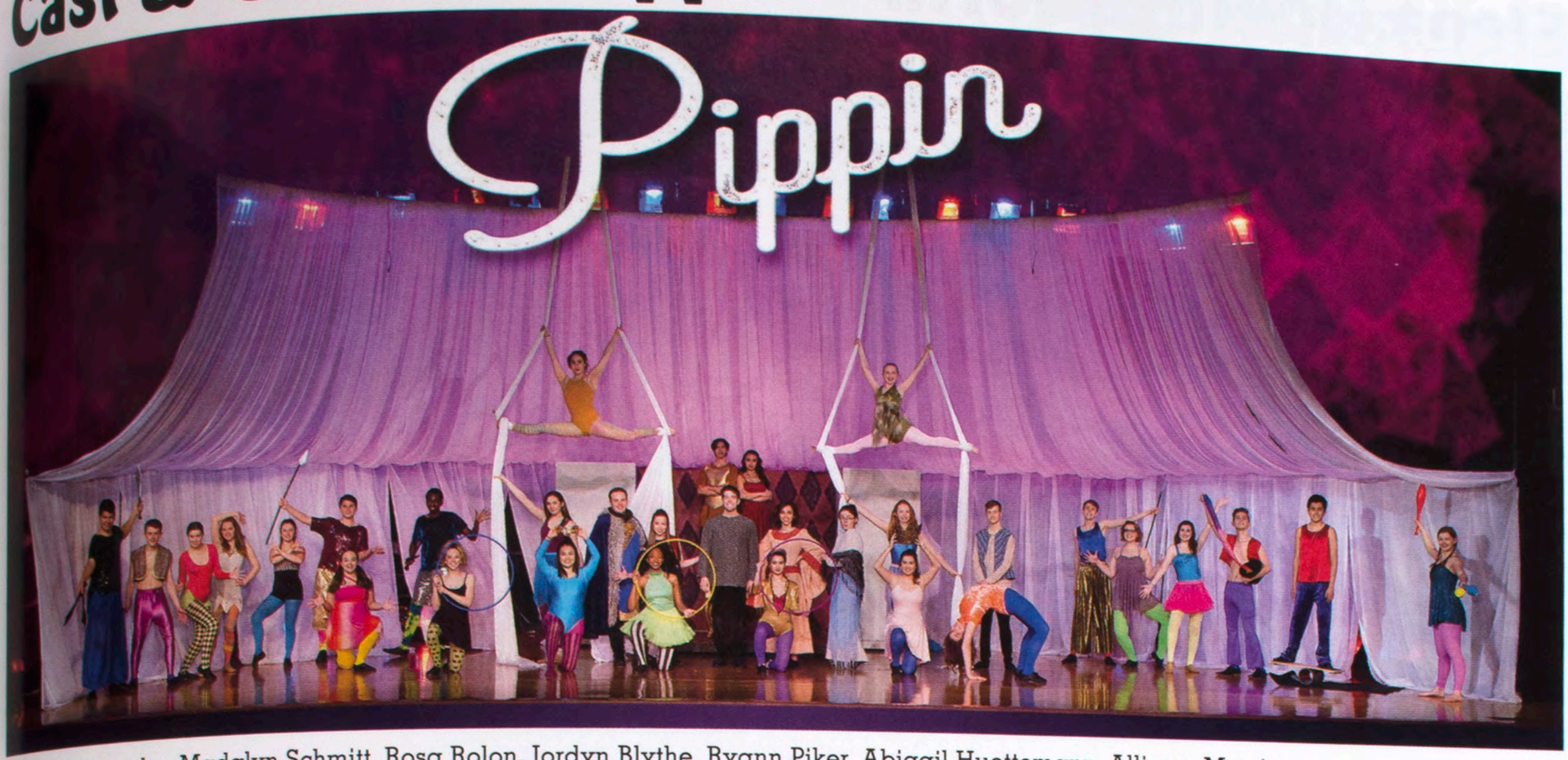
Cast & Crew of Pippin



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Row 2:Gabriel Pfister, Bradley Martin, Lianna Pfister, Emily Houston, Peyton Tongate, Tripper Pierce, Rickey Orr, Catherine Winger, Jeffrey Kapraun, Caroline McKinzie, Joshua Kuhn, Emily Rodriguez, Fiona Peterson-Quinn, Lauren Dubravec, Joe Dubravec, Jonathan Boudreau, Annie Pierce, Natalie Thomison, Kristopher Guthrie, Shaunak Taxali, Isabelle Jacobsen
Row 3: Kate Humprey, Alex Walbert, Logan Piker, Abby Naden

Cast & Crew of Metamorphoses

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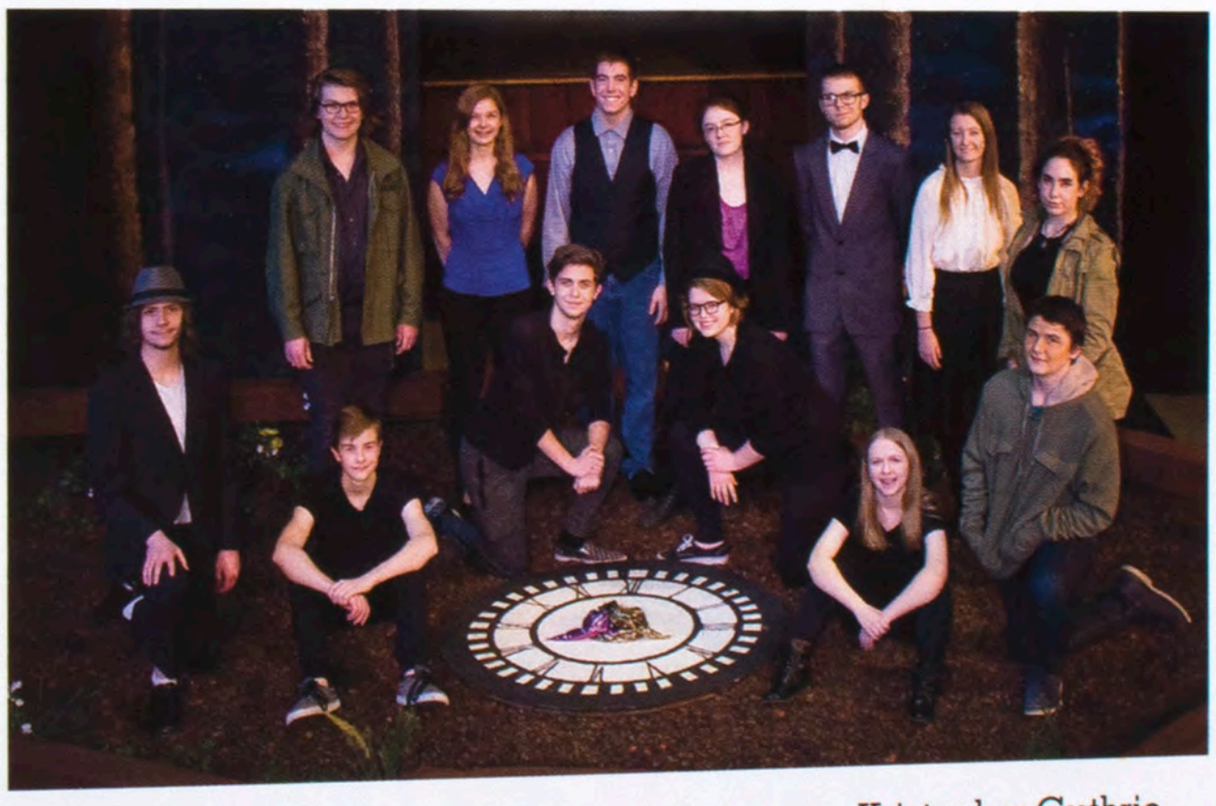

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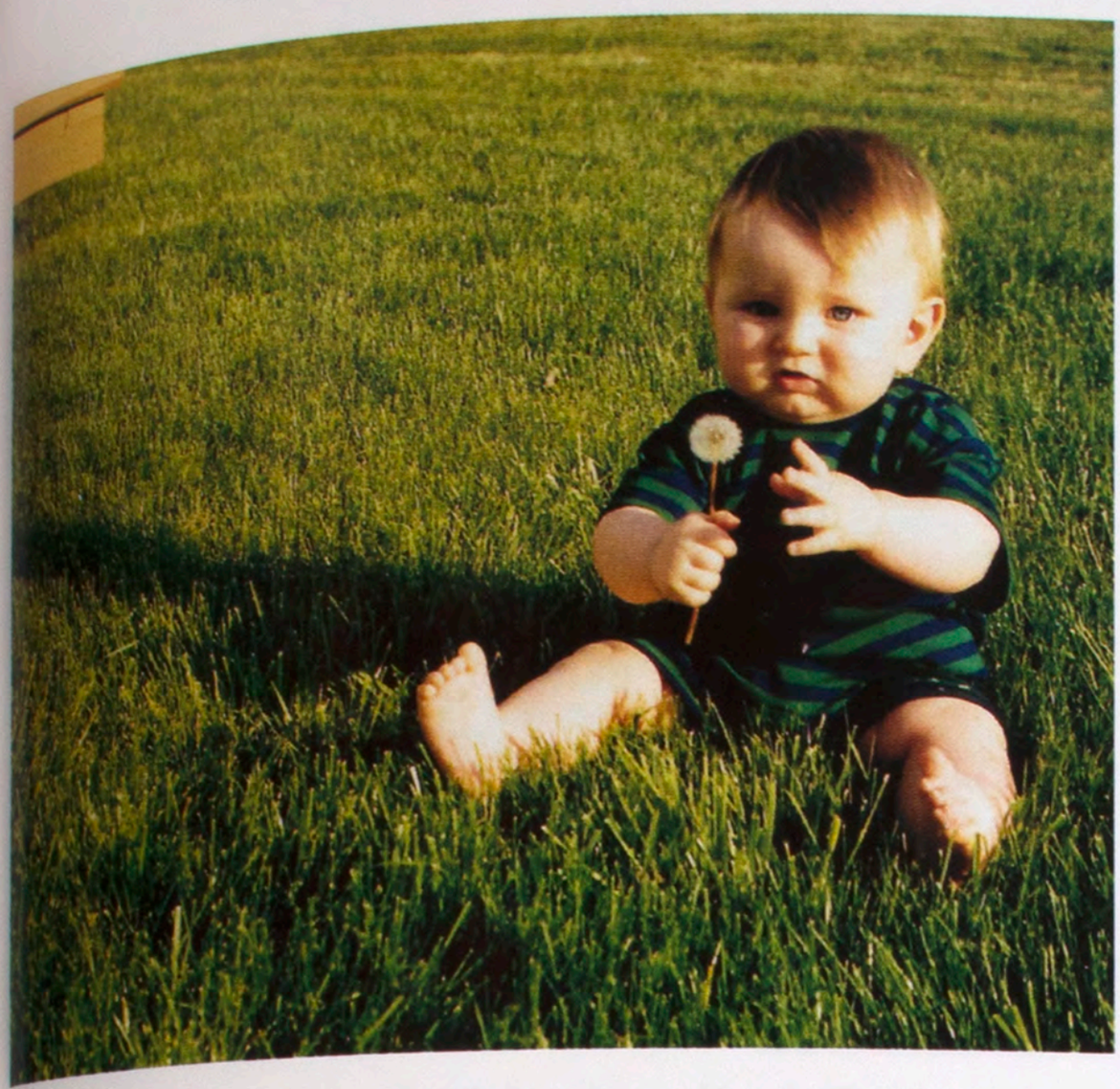
Elena Hollingsworth

Congratulations, Elena Grace, on four great years at U-High! We are proud, and thankful, for the way you carried yourself, the kind of student and friend you were, the leadership and encouragement you offered, how you handled adversity and challenges, and for showing kindness and respect to others. We love you more than we can express! Mom and Dad I Timothy 4:12

Jasmyne Lawrence

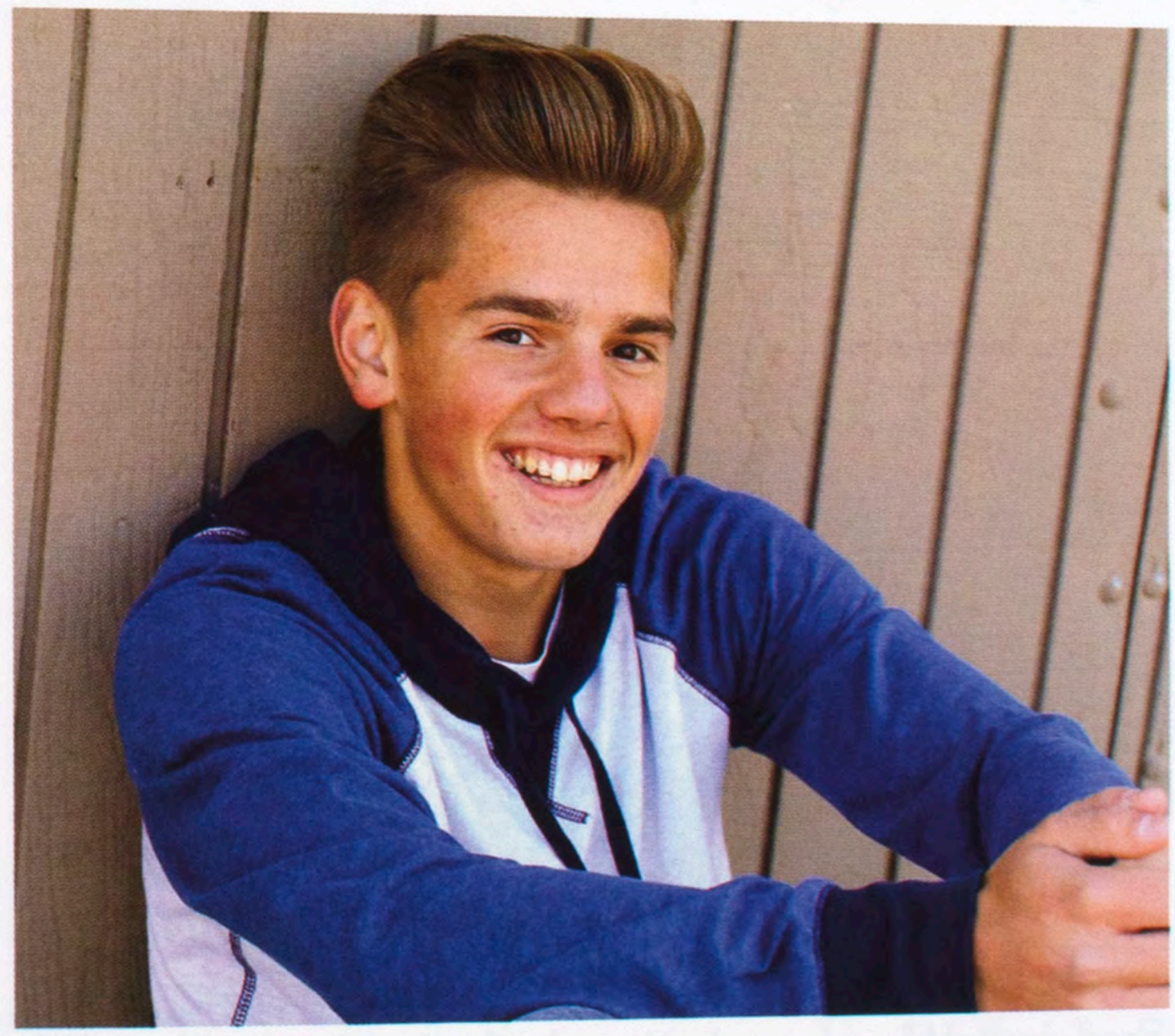
Jasmyne, you hit the ground running at 10 mos. old and never stopped. You've always excelled at whatever you put your mind to from athletics, writing poetry, creative outfits to being an entrepreneur. We can't wait to see what's next!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Rakia, Jordan & Rocco

Jake Armstrong



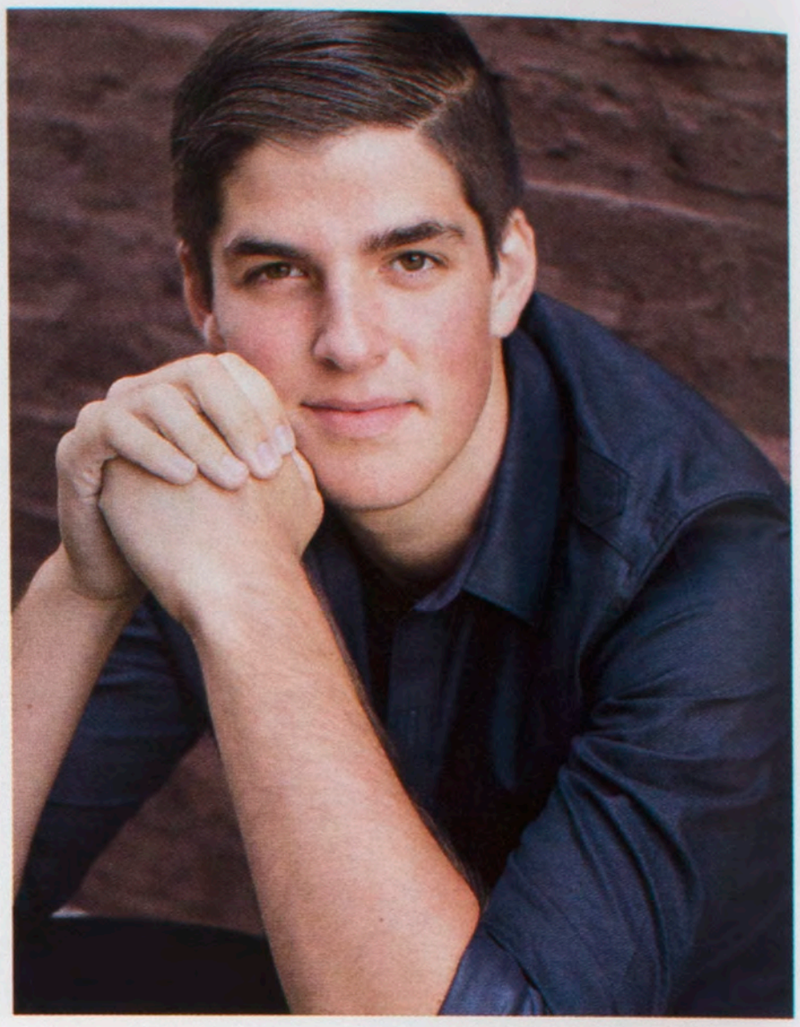
Jake, they say you should make a wish before blowing a dandelion into the wind. 18 years ago, we made a wish that you would become someone we would be proud of. That wish came true. Love, Mom and Dad

Matt Mosele



Matthew, we have enjoyed watching you grow and experience so many great moments during your years at U-High! We are very proud of you! From golf matches to baseball games, concerts, Mr. U-High and the state championship for soccer, we have enjoyed every bit! We are looking forward to your continued success as you become an Augustana Viking! We love you more! xox

Matt Stamets



You did it Matt! We are so proud of all you have accomplished so far, and we are excited to see where you go from here. Follow your dreams and have fun!
Love,
Mom and Dad

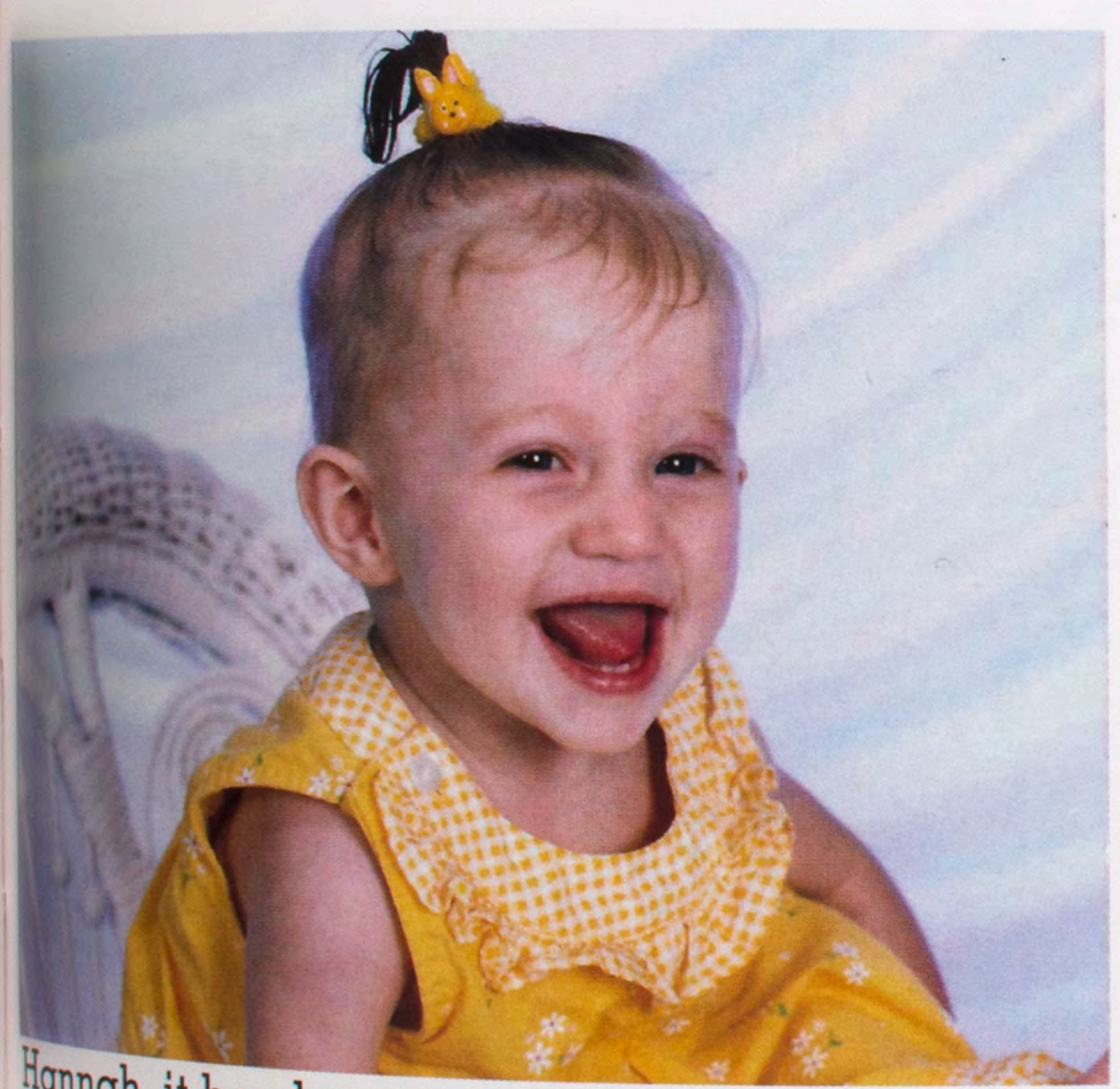
Sydney Whitten

Sydney, We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished the last four years at U-High. Where has time gone? It seems like only yesterday you were walking the halls as a freshman! We are so excited to see what the future has in store for you. Always remember to believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable! We love you! Mom & Dad

Emma Merriman

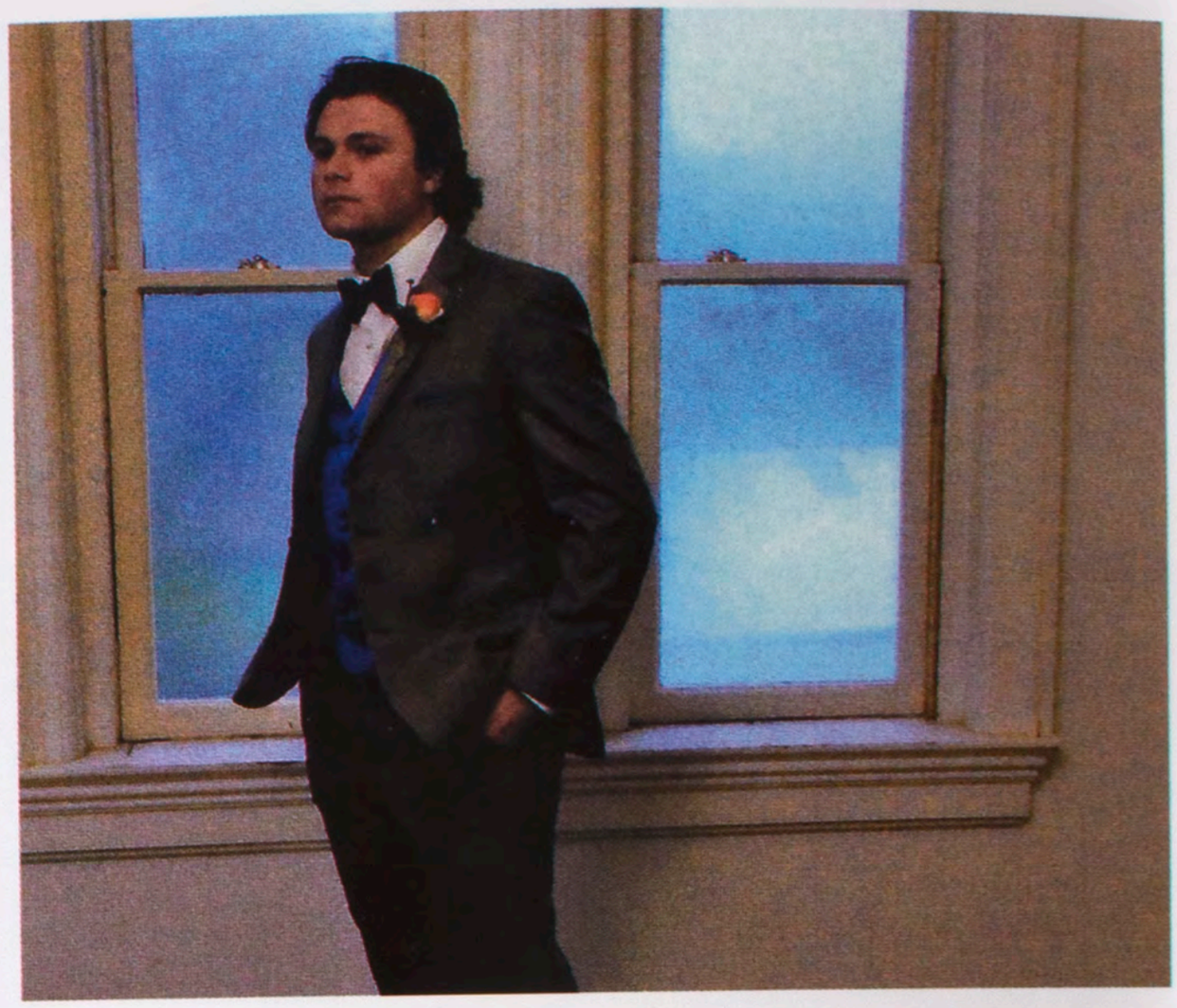
Emma, We are incredibly proud of the confident, resilient, thoughtful, and beautiful young woman you have become. Your high school years have been filled with great achievements and memories Continue to pursue your dreams and passions in college and beyond. We are excited to see what's next! Mom & Dad

Hannah Kiefer



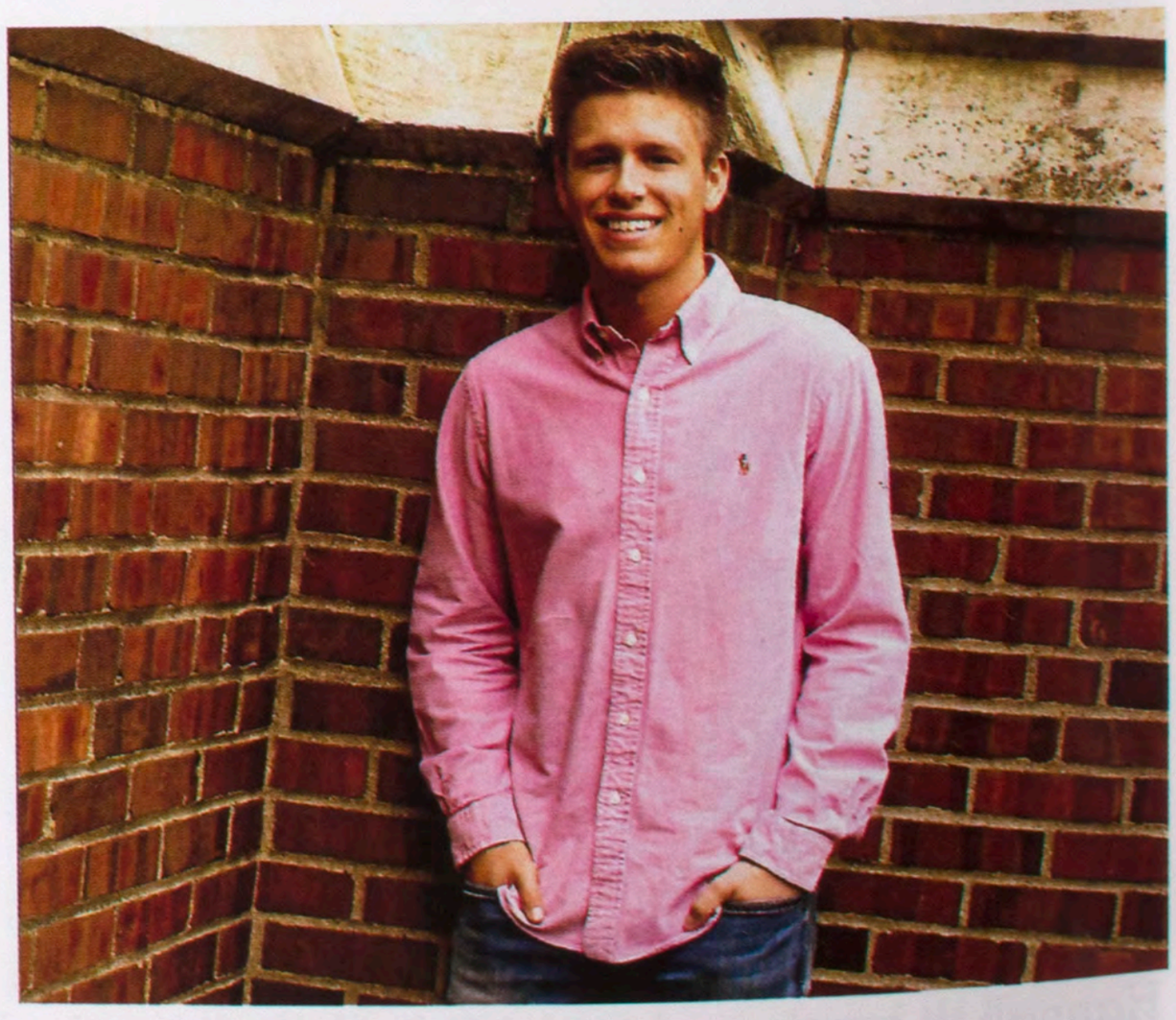
Hannah, it has been amazing to watch our baby girl grow into the beautiful and talented young woman you have become both inside and out. Your dedication to excellence and perseverance have made us proud and gives us confidence in your future at Indiana Wesleyan University and beyond. Pursue your dreams with passion, respect others along the way, and always remember life is a journey meant to be enjoyed, so go live it, girl!
Love, Dad & Mom

Ryan Poland



You have the brains, ability, ambition, dedication, and looks to succeed, the only thing lacking is life experience. Never forget that mom and dad wil be there to help with the latter. There is no script, live your life, soak it all in. Do ambitious things–travel, get rich, get famous, innovate, lead, fall in love, have fun. For all you touch and all you see is all your life will ever be. Love, Mom and Dad.

Brandon Hendriks



From day one we loved you so much! We are very proud of the young man you have become. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for you! Love you to the moon and back, Dad and Mom

Alex Plumadore

Alex, you have become the young man we had always hoped you would become. You are a caring, independent and confident person. Your strong sense of conviction continues to amaze us. Your love of board games has created so many wonderful family memories. We are very excited and so proud of you as you begin the next adventure of your life. We will always be here for you. We love you! –Mom and Dad

Emily Rodriguez

Emily, you brought joy into our lives from the very first moment you arrived! In front of our eyes you've grown into a strong, determined and amazing young woman. We're amazed by your strength and the way you put everything you have into everything you do! Be honorable! Be proud! Chase your dreams! Pursue your passions! We know you will change the world! With boundless love - Mom and Dad

Colin Hardman

Congrats Colin on a tremendous high school career - well done! Off to University of Illinois- so proud of you!!
Love,
Dad, Mom and Nathan

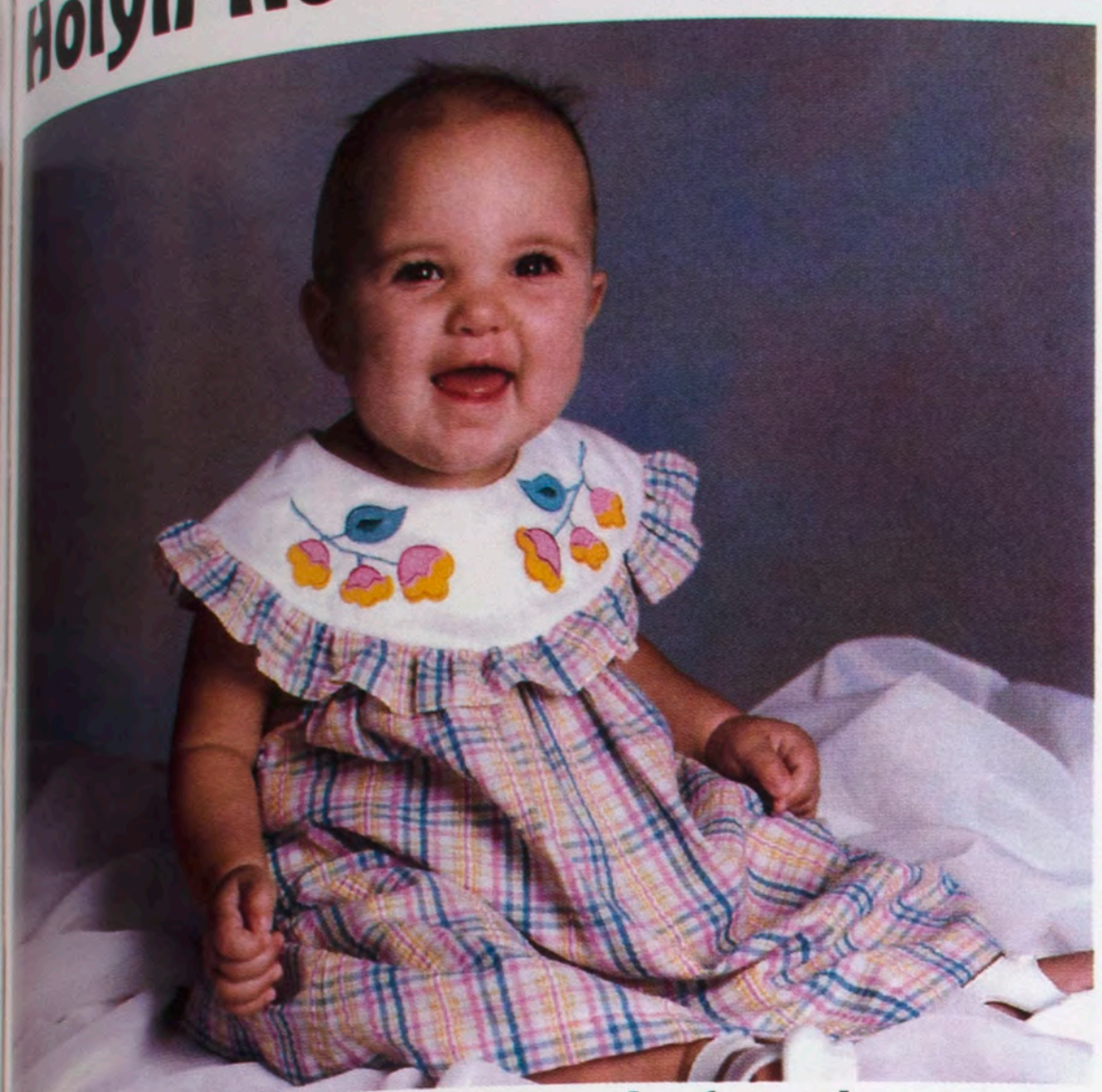
Joke Adanri

Congratulations, Adejoke. What a remarkable young lady you've grown to be! We are proud of you and all your achievements and we can't wait to see what the future holds. Fly high baby. God be with you. Love from Dad, Mom, Tayo and Tolu.

Lianna Pfister

Congratulations Lianna! We are proud of all you accomplished as a PIONEER! Remember, wherever life takes you, we are ALWAYS here. Keep your eyes focused onward and UP towards HIM, who will direct your path. We love you very much -Mom, Dad, Gabriel and Kallie too

Holyn Roesch

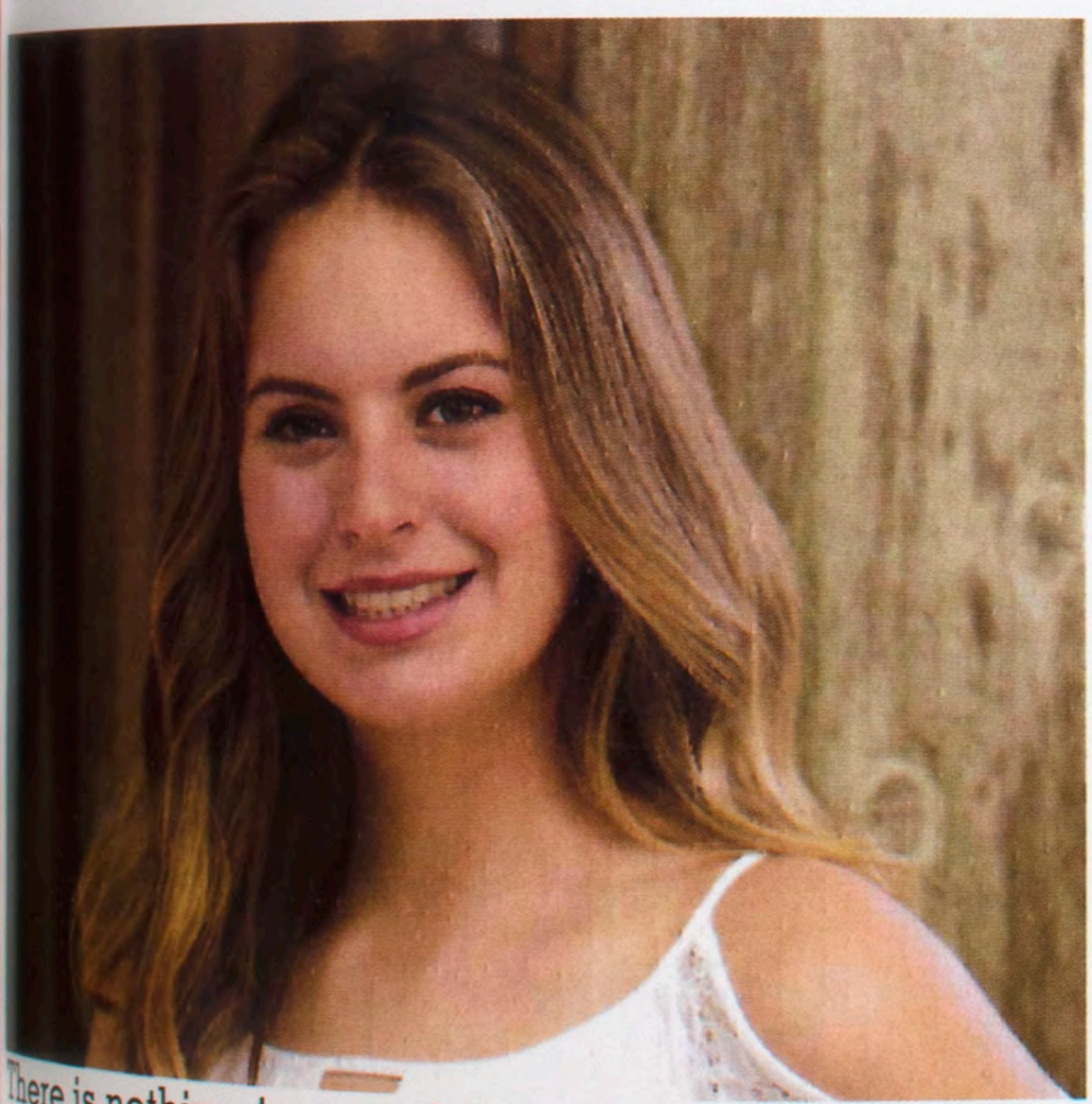


She always knew today was a draft and tomorrow would be a whole new story, we can't wait see where your story takes you. Love you forever and always, Mom, Dad and Taylor

Jeff Kapraun

Jeff- these four years have gone by fast. You've made some great memories and wonderful friends. We're so proud of you and look forward to seeing what the future has in store. Good luck at ISU and remember, we love you to the moon and back!! Dad, Mom & Lauren

Deanna Trosino



There is nothing impossible to him who will try – Alexander the Great. Congratulations Deanna! We are so proud of you and your achievements. Keep chasing your dreams and always stay true to who you are. We love you- Dad, Mom, Cassie and Matthew

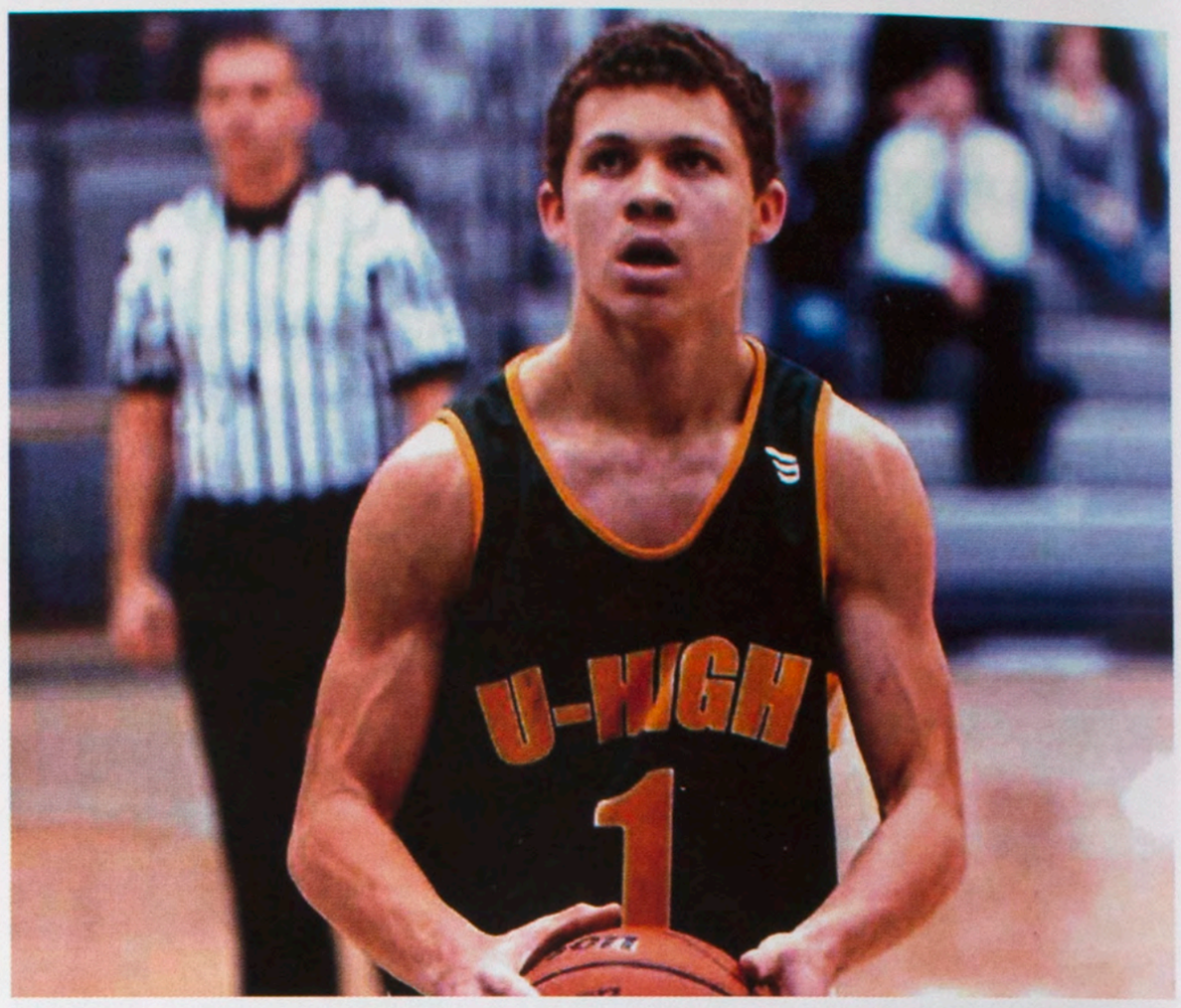
Sydney Auth

Congratulations to my sweet baby girl. Words can't even describe how proud I am of the smart, sweet, sassy and beautiful young woman you have become. You are and always will be the sunshine of my life. I'm blessed to be your mom. Love you more, Mom, Jake, Lambeau

Kaylee Birlingmair

Kaylee, everything we hoped you'd be is everything you are. You used to be our little girl, and now are our shining star. So proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad

Keondre Schumacher



Keondre James Schumacher-James 4:8 "Come near to God and he will come near to you." Watching you and your sister grow has been the most precious part of our lives. #1 #MCSTRONG #JASONJONES #NEXTPLAY #FAITH. Love, Mom & Dad

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We run this

Let the Good Times Roll

1. "This picture pretty much represents Billy and Lake's interaction throughout the year," journalism teacher Amy Reiman said. 2. In the beginning of the year, an ISU student asked seniors Sarah Park, Jasmyne Lawrence, Lake Williams, Elijah King, and Joke Adanri to pose with some flags. 3. Almost completing their team builder, seniors Sarah Park, Elijah King, Jasmyne Lawrence, Elijah Gray, junior Ressa Crubaugh, Leah Taylor, Emanuel Bada, and Drew Johnson flip over the blanket without touching the floor. 4. Senior Jasmyne Lawrence showed Kaitlyn Ludwig some of her moves as the class practiced with the cameras in Stroud Auditorium.

More people, more pages, and this year's journalism class was off and running. "Our goal this year was to capture the whole student body and the multiple activies that everyone participates in," senior editor Becca Wagner said. "The number of interviews and stories that went out this year proves that we did just that." We worked hard to expand our coverage in a variety of ways including social media. This year, we consistently live tweeted basketball and baseball games. Our class thrived on creativity. "This class was a group of original thinkers," journalism advisor Amy Reiman said. "I loved the surprising headlines and the original story ideas, so many of the stories just made me laugh."

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